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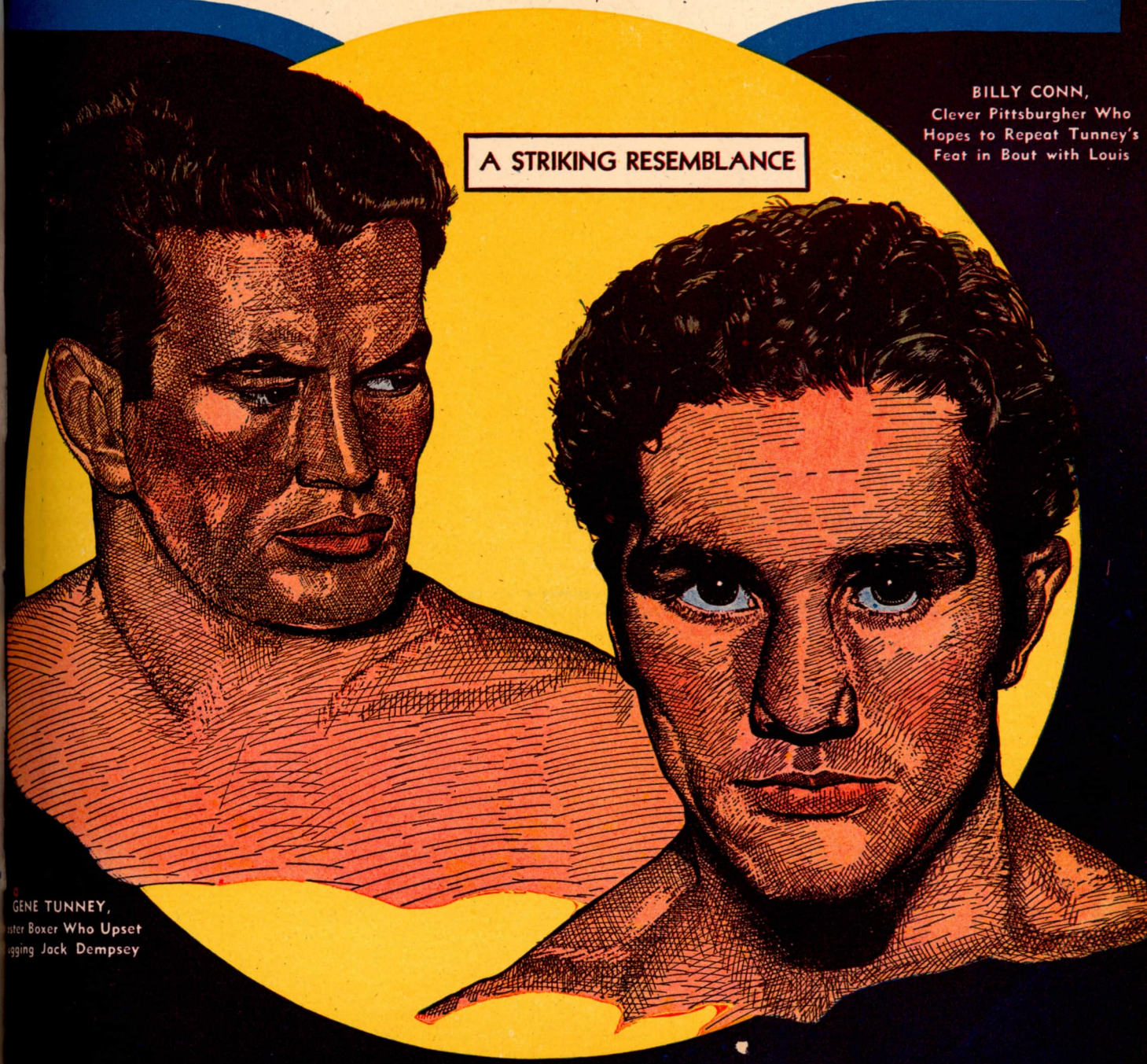

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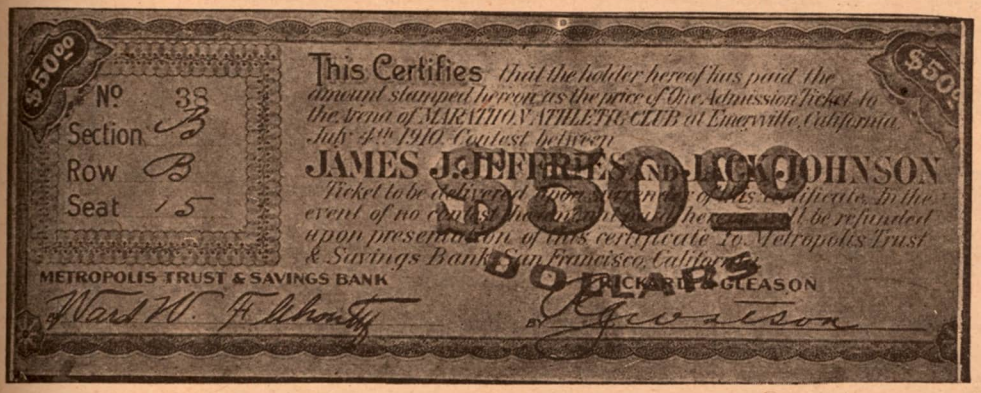
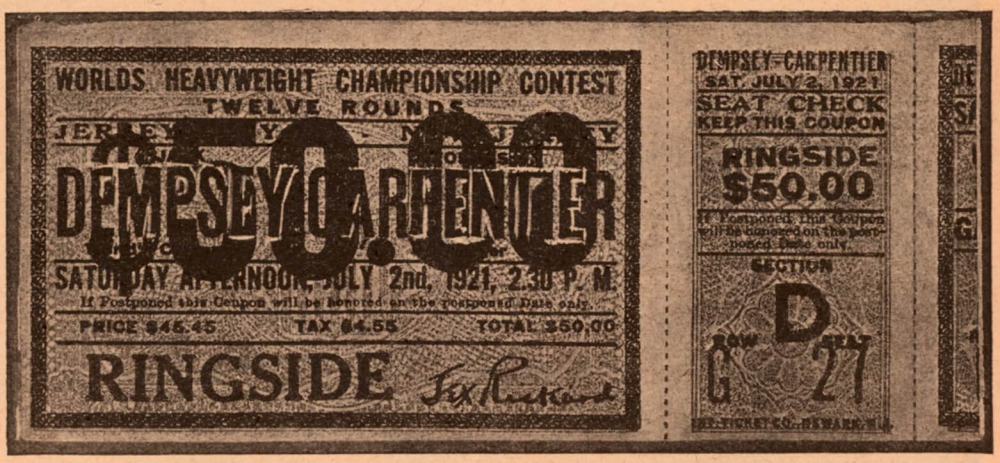


By
THE VETERAN

MIKE JACOBS waited until April 1, a most appropriate day, to treat the fight public to news that made them think an April Fool's joke was being played on them, for on that day, he showed the folks just what he's going to let them pay for the privilege of being in the same borough with Billy Conn and Joe Louis on June 19 when they face each other in their return heavyweight championship bout. He announced that he had set the top price for ringside seats for the public at the unprecedented price for a boxing match, $100. A century note has been charged for previous bouts, but not in a public sale.



In the fight between Sullivan and Corbett, the top price was $25, but members of the Southern Athletic Club paid as high as $100 for the first row ringside. The only other fight that had a top of $100 in this country, was the Jackson-Corbett mill in San Francisco. Several have been staged at that price in England.

I have before me as I write, a ticket for the Louis-Conn battle and a blueprint of the stadium, with its beautiful bowl seating arrangements. I have also tickets for famous heavyweight bouts of the past, particularly those of the Rickard regime when fight enthusiasts weren't loath to spend fifty or more dollars to see a fight.

Take a peep at the cover of THE RING and there you'll get an eyeful! You see ducats of the glorious past! Pasteboards which set the heart throbbing.

The romantic age of Fistiana is recalled by a few of them.

Tickets! Tickets! Tickets!

What stories you could tell if only you could speak!

* * *

MOST interesting of all is the Willard-Dempsey pasteboard, listing the fight at Toledo with a sixty dollar charge for a ringside seat. That constituted the high price for a public sale in recent years. It was the first contest billed at more than fifty dollars in a quarter of a century. But there weren't many seats at that high figure. Tex Rickard, the promoter, realized that he could get a few suckers and he did, but the show itself was not a huge financial success because the public wouldn't go for the heavy charge considering that Dempsey was given little chance to win. In fact most critics figured he would be kayoed.

What happened in that contest is ring history. The fans got the thrill of a lifetime as Dempsey upset the applecart to win the world heavyweight crown.

Dempsey, the Mauler, put his opponent down seven times in the opening round but spent his energy trying to score a kayo and was unable to floor the Pottowatomie Giant again. It was a bout of thrills, probably the most sensational heavyweight championship contest in the history of the game.

It was a most unusual affair and those who forked up the huge sum of sixty dollars to see the "kill," were well repaid for their faith or their gamble, call it what you may.

It was a fight full of drama. Dempsey, the young tiger with amazing speed and two iron fists, placed the game back on a high pedestal by his great triumph. The bout went down into ring history as the only one in which the winner was crowned king twice in the same fight. The bell failed to sound clearly at the end of the first round while Big Jess was sitting in a corner taking the count. The referee, Ollie Pecord had tolled off seven when the gong sounded, but unable to hear it, the referee went through the fatal ten count and announced Dempsey the winner by a knockout.

The challenger left the ring and had to be called back to resume fighting when Pecord realized his error. The bout proceeded and at the end of the third round, Dempsey won the title while Willard was sitting in his corner. He was unable to continue.

The Dempsey-Willard ticket brings about the revival of the argument, "Did Dempsey win in the third or fourth round?" It revives memories of a battle crammed every minute with drama, an affair in which Dempsey the Killer gained international fame.

* * *

BUT that ticket is not the only one that recalls a romantic era of boxing. There is the Corbett-Mitchell fight ticket for January 25, 1894, at the Duval Athletic Club of Jacksonville, Florida, for which balcony seats sold for $20 and the ringside seats went for $25.

The tickets had to be sold on the *(Continued on page 47)*

Bouts That Never Came Off

PICTURED here are three ducats for heavyweight fights where the ringside fee was $20 or more, but which never came off.

On top is a specimen pasteboard of the Joe Louis vs. Isadoro Gastanaga fight which was to feature the new heavyweight sensation from Detroit against the hard punching Spaniard in Havana on December 29, 1935. Another oddity concerning the ill-fated scrap was that it was scheduled to start at three in the afternoon.

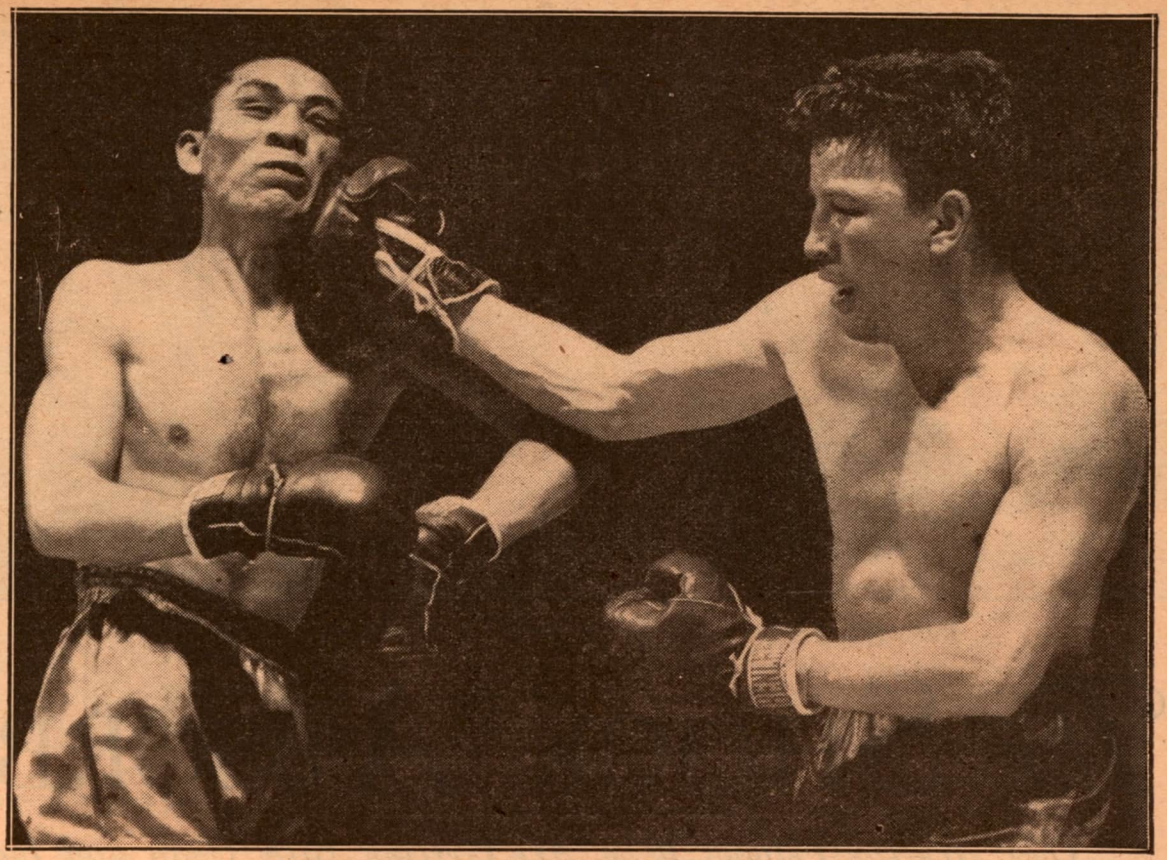
Promoter Mike Jacobs, hearing rumors of an impending revolution, decided the situation was too risky and cancelled the bout.

The middle ticket clearly shows that there already was a second Louis vs. Conn battle—scheduled. Every fight fan already knows how Secretary of War Stimson suddenly called off the battle slated for the Yankee Stadium for October 12, 1942, and ordered the two soldiers, Sgt. Joe Louis and Pvt. Billy Conn, "back to their military duties." This bout was heaved out on September 25.

The bottom ticket is one of the rarest and oddest souvenirs in the collection of Nat Fleischer, RING editor. It depicts the famed "Phantom Fight" for the heavyweight title between Max Schmeling and Jimmy Braddock on June 3, 1937, although it was obvious that Braddock would never be the party of the second part, as he was at that moment preparing to defend his crown against Joe Louis on June 22 in Chicago.

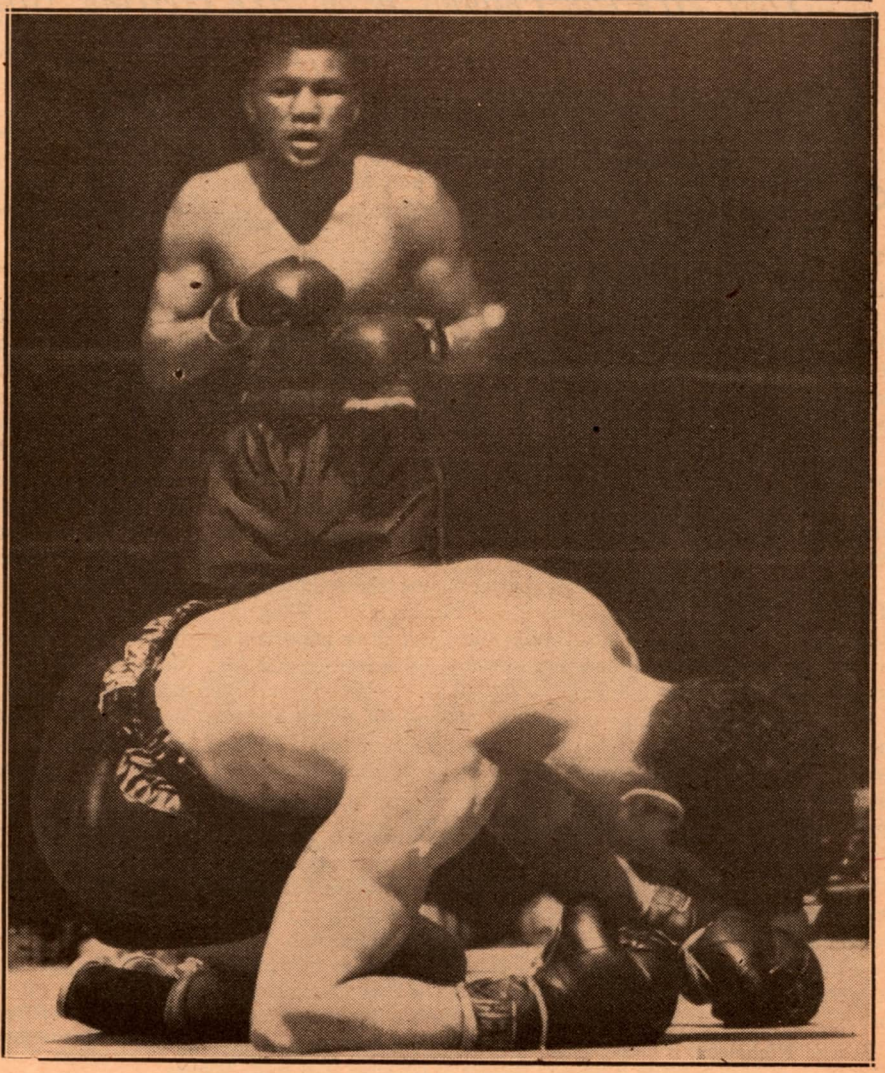
Schmeling actually completed training at Speculator, N. Y., for this mock battle, seriously weighed in on the afternoon it was scheduled, then announced that he would lay claim to the title, something he never did.

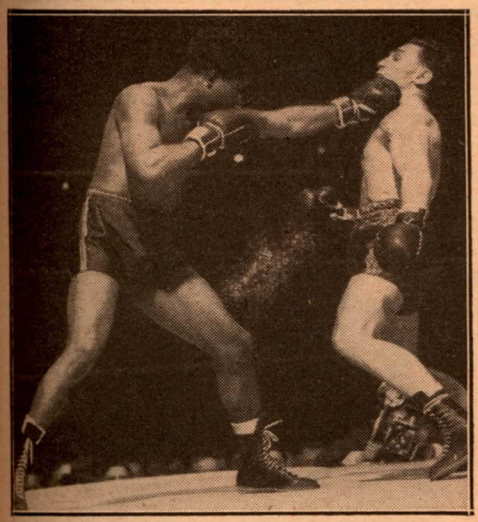
Action Shots in Recent Garden Bouts



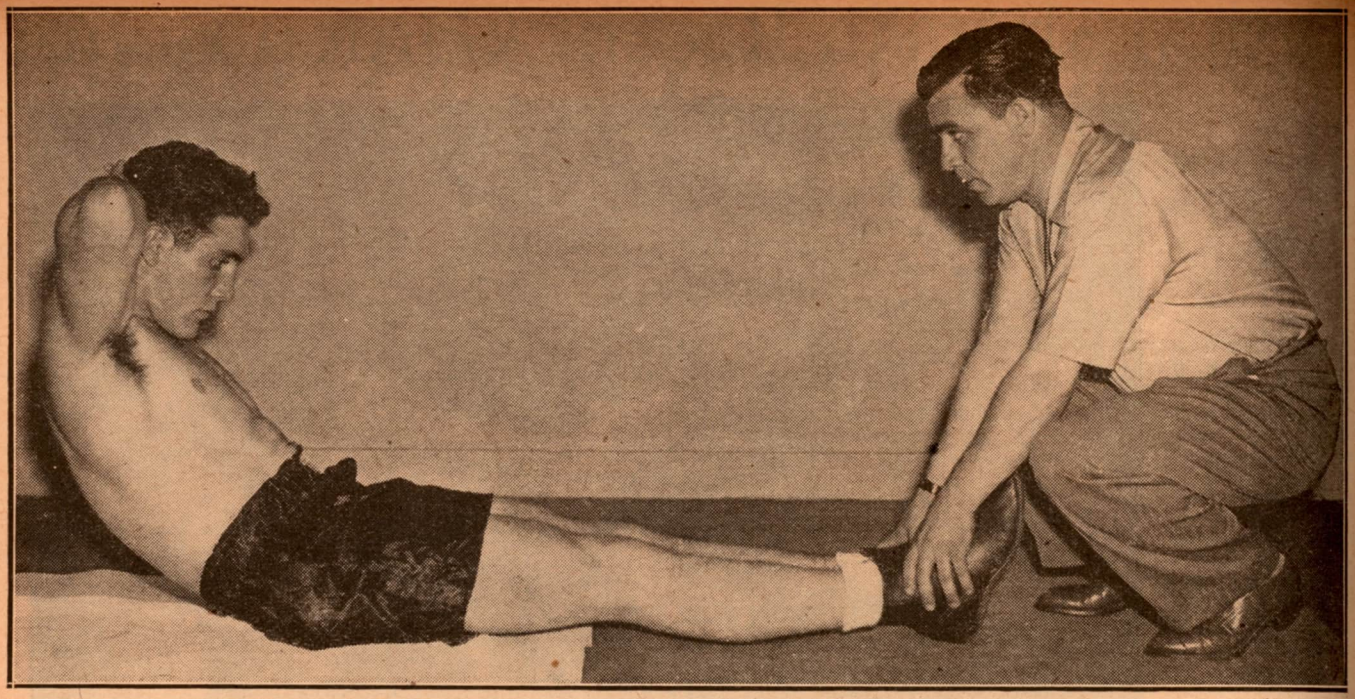
It hurt! That's what the expression of Nick Moran portrays as the right fist of Tippy Larkin lands with telling effect against the Mexican's jaw in their Garden fight. Nick was on the receiving end most of the time though he was the aggressor and he dropped his second shot to his Jersey opponent.

Bob Montgomery, recognized world lightweight champ in New York, stands over Tony Pellone after the latter slipped in their Garden fight. Bob was off form. His recent accident and his army service have slowed him down considerably.





Willie Joyce stabs a stiff left to the jaw of Danny Kapilow in their bout in Madison Square Garden in which Joyce, a ranking lightweight, was held to a draw.



Billy Conn in body-bending exercises under the supervision of his trainer Freddie Fierro.

The Shock Absorbers

They Are the Fellows Who Are Getting Billy Conn and Joe Louis in Fighting Condition for Their Yankee Stadium Shindig

By EDDIE MERRILL

THE horde of news photographers and boxing scribes who have descended upon the training camps of Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis and Challenger Billy Conn are covering every conceivable angle as both men condition themselves for this all-important championship contest.

Photos of Louis and Conn at their leisure flood the sports pages. Daily interviews covering their plans, their every action; stories regarding the daily diet of Billy and Joe and their habits will be devoured omniverously by the avid fight fan as quickly as his favorite fistic reporter can bring them to him.

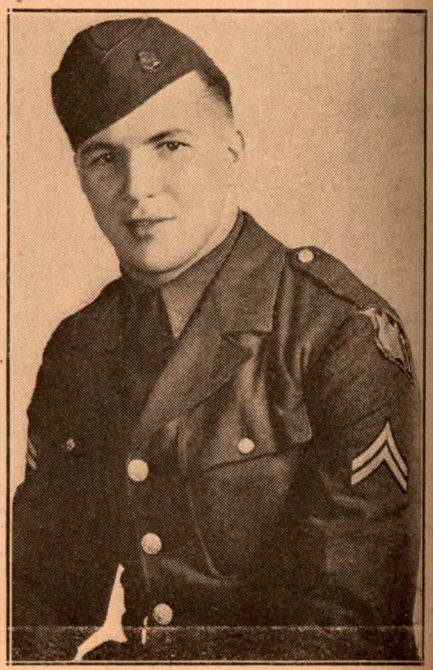
Yet behind the scenes at Conn's camp in Greenwood Lake and over at the Brown Bomber's headquarters at Pompton Lakes, are a handful of unknown pugilists around whose abilities and ring workmanship the winner of the Louis-Conn tussle will be decided.

These are the humble sparring partners, the shock absorbers of the training camps, who rarely make the headlines. They do their job well, usually completely unnoticed, but their importance in helping a champion round into tip-top condition cannot be under-estimated.

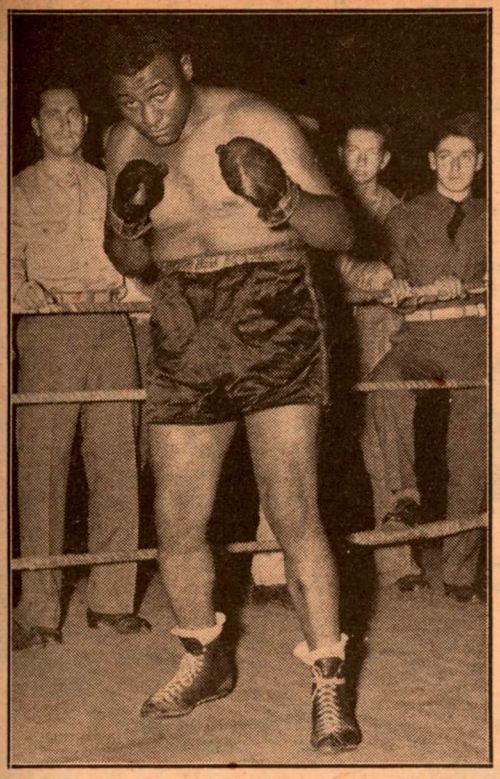
Roadwork, calisthenics, gym work and diet—these are all highly important parts of a fighter's training regimen, but it is only in the ring with sparring partners that the battler, conditioning himself for a crucial contest, can sharpen his punch, pick up his speed, and learn to prepare to cope with his forthcoming opponent's style.

Despite the many stories which second raters have given to newspapermen stating that the reason they were chased from a champion's or challenger's training camp was because they were too rough on their boss, a sparmate's first requirement is that he be a tough, two-fisted battler capable of extending his employer through three or four fast rounds each day.

George Nicholson, a bull-necked, broad-shouldered, albeit mild-mannered Negro from Yonkers, New York, was just a fair to middling heavyweight, but as Joe Louis' chief sparmate for several years, he garnered reams of copy for his gameness and ability to match the great champion punch for punch in their training sessions. It is estimated that Louis and Nicholson have boxed approximately 1000 rounds against each other in training camps and Army exhibitions, yet Louis has floored George but once! Nicholson was a smooth boxer, a rugged man inside, and absorbed the best Joe could send his way without flinching. Louis' greatest problem when he first came East to train for his important bouts was the lack of boxing mates who would be willing to spend more than a few days with the murderous punching Brown Bomber despite the offer of very good pay and lodgings.



Marty Clark, winner of the Purple Heart, one of Billy Conn's sturdy sparmates.



George Nicholson, one of the regulars at the champ's training camp.

It was Mannie Seamon, now the trainer of Louis, who first won the high regard of both Joe and Jack Blackburn through his careful choice of sparmates. The men whom Mannie selected were tried and experienced fighters, some of them were main event performers on the small club circuit with good records in ring competition. Jersey Joe Wolcott, the recent conqueror of Jimmy Bivins, and now the second ranking heavyweight in the country, was once a sparmate for Joe Louis!

When Jack Blackburn died, it was Joe Louis who recalled how energetic Mannie Seamon had cared for the sparmates as if they, too, were going to defend a world title. Seamon made Joe's entire retinue of partners do roadwork with the champ and then forced the boys to go through the same rigorous routines as Louis did in order to guarantee their physical perfection. Louis reasoned, and rightly so, that if Seamon could care so conscientiously for the usually lowly regarded sparring partner then he was the man who could fill Ol' Chappie's shoes.

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FREDDIE FIERRO, genial, chubby little trainer, who with the experienced veteran Tony Tomacci, trains Billy Conn, revealed in an interview with THE RING Magazine, that nothing is standing in their way to insure the best of sparmates for the Pittsburgh challenger.

The first sparring partner to be hired was Conn's "old reliable," the veteran Irish heavyweight from Brooklyn, Mickey McAvoy. McAvoy, a seasoned campaigner of fifteen years in the ring, is a big, jovial giant who scales close to 220 pounds and stands at least three inches over six feet. While Mickey has boxed in clubs all over the United States and in several foreign lands, his record of actual competition is not a long one. McAvoy is a fistic specialist whose work is seasonal in that he plies his trade sporadically as a chief sparmate for any topnotch heavyweight who might require his services.

The Brooklyn Mick has crossed gloves in gym sessions with the last six champions in the heavyweight division. Jack Sharkey, Max Schmeling, Primo Carnera, Jimmy Braddock, Max Baer, and Joe Louis, at one time or another, have had Mickey in a training camp. McAvoy, until he hooked up with Conn six years ago, was No. 2 man in the Louis camp, second only to the aforementioned George Nicholson. Mickey was driving a brewery truck until Billy Conn dangled a sizable chunk of lettuce before his eyes to lure him back to help Conn train for the return match with Joe Louis on Wednesday, June 19.

"You know," Fat Freddie explained, "a lot of people wonder of what value can a guy like Mickey McAvoy, who has been around boxing close to sixteen years, be to Billy Conn.

"Well," he went on, "even if Mickey never even boxed with Billy, he'd be worth every cent we're paying him. Did you ever stop to think that a sparring partner is a constant companion to the man he trains with? It's just as important for Conn to like the men personally, as it is for Billy to be pleased with their boxing.

"Mickey is not only a sparring partner," Fierro related. "He is a pal to Conn and a great morale booster. McAvoy is just the right kind of a fellow to put Billy in a real great frame of mind. Many a dull rainy day when we were tired of playing cards or listening to the radio, Mickey had us in stitches with his stories about Hollywood and the people out there. He was a bodyguard for Robert Taylor and other stars, you know. As a boxer, he outweighs Billy tremendously. We use McAvoy to rough Conn up. Mickey's objective is to work in close and crowd Billy, lay all over him and maul and tug him around in the clinches."

Thus a unique angle to the value of a sparring partner is revealed. Billy Conn himself has often asserted that he'd no sooner think of preparing for a fight without his good left hand than not to have the lumbering, lovable Mickey McAvoy in a camp as his sparmate.

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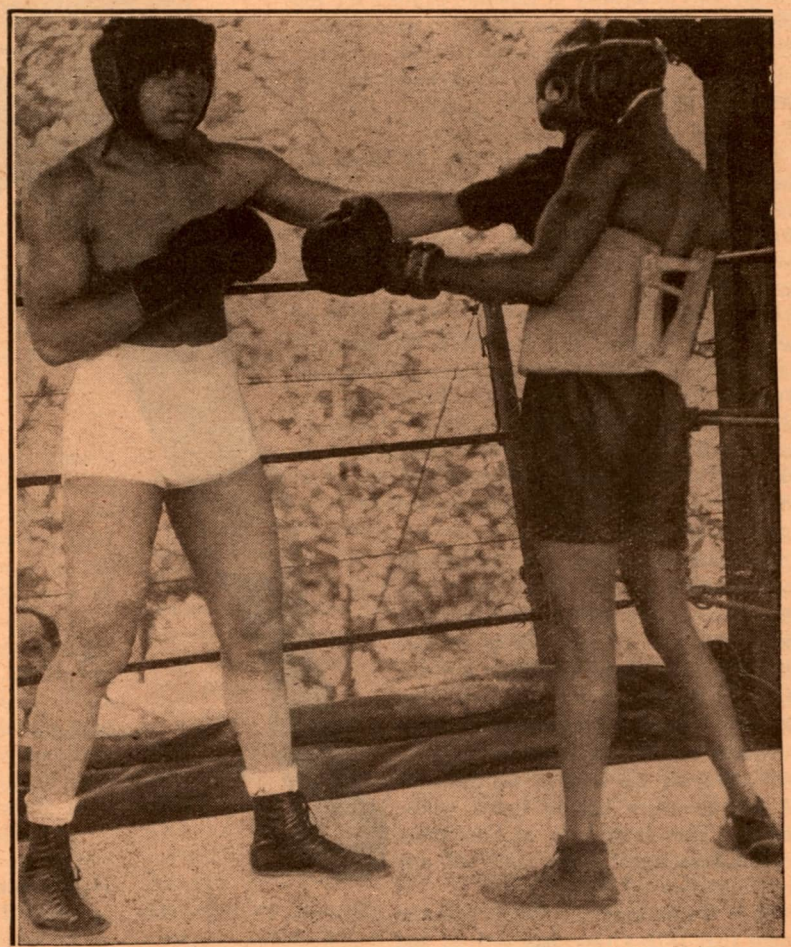

A scene at Joe Louis' training camp. His sparring partner is wearing a special chest and stomach protector to guard against injury.

Erin Focuses Eyes on Conn

Pins Hopes on Billy the Kid to Regain Prestige in Pugilism—Sullivan, Tunney, Corbett and Braddock Sons of Ireland Crowned —Peter Maher Greatest Among Importations

By GEORGE TICKELL

WHAT a difference a few years make! Thirty-five years ago every champion, every fighter whose name was a byword in pugilism, was either a pure-blooded Irishman or had a strain of Irish blood coursing through his veins.

Today, how different! Scan the daily sports pages for a moment, thumb over the latest record book and make a mental note of the Irish lads who occupy top rungs on the current fistic ladder. Far and few between, aren't they? Yes, it's easy to see that the Sons of Erin have been forced far into the background in the field of sport in which they reigned supreme for more than a century and a half.

Today the Irish boxing fan is crestfallen over the dearth of great Hibernian scrappers. It is little wonder, therefore, that their collective eyes and hopes all swing in the direction of Pittsburgh, Pa., residing place of one David William Conn. The dreams of all Gallic partisans of the game hinge on the outcome of Billy's second attempt to tear the heavyweight crown from the kinky head of Joe Louis in the Yankee Stadium meeting on June 19th. The Celts believe that should their Smoky City Rhapsody in Emerald capture the top diadem of fistiana, the title contagion would sweep through Conn's smaller-statured Irish brethren and ere long it would be Kelly green flyweights through light-heavyweights perched on the thrones of their respective divisions.

Freddie "Red" Cochrane, in recently losing his welterweight title to Marty Servo, was the last of the Irish bred boys to rule the roost. A brief dash through a listing of scrapping Gaels who've held down regal positions in the history of modern boxing shows among others:

Paddy Ryan, John L. Sullivan, James J. Corbett, Gene Tunney, Jim Braddock, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Mike McTigue, Tommy Loughran, Tommy Ryan, Jack and Mike Twin Sullivan, Mickey Walker, Jack Britton, Jimmy McLarnin, Jack McAuliffe, Ike Weir, Billy Murphy, Jack Skelly, Terry McGovern, Johnny Kilbane, Jimmy Barry, Joe Lynch and Freddie Cochrane.

The above named men are just a small portion of the men of Irish descent who were famous in pugilism. It would take more than the 64-page limits of this magazine could stand to attempt to name ALL the topflight warriors in ring annals who boasted Irish ancestry.

Would a Billy Conn victory over Louis provide the spur to the ambition of all the lesser boxing lights whose pedigree goes back to a McSomething or MacSomebody? You can't tell any true Irishman otherwise!

They are backing the Pittsburgher to the limit. They are confident that Billy's time has arrived and that he will be crowned world heavyweight champion. They insist that he would have won the last fight and cannot miss this time.

Peter Maher

THE Irish come naturally by their fighting. History, as far back as one can trace, is replete with sensational battles in which the mighty sons of Erin won glory. 'Tis said that the Irish for centuries won the battles of other nations, but it was not until a few years ago that they finally succeeded in winning their own—freedom from England. Some of the greatest warriors in European history, were either pure blooded Irish or of Irish descent, hence it is not surprising to find so many celebrated prize ring fighters adorning the pages of pugilistic history.

Centuries ago Ireland was inhabited by a warlike people, the Firbolgs, an Irish primitive tribe and the Tuatha Di Danann, a highly civilized people. The latter conquered the Firbolgs and in turn were conquered by the Milesians who came from Spain. This mixture gave to Ireland a fiery, strong combative race that to this day may well feel proud of its athletic prowess.

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IT is from these early settlers of Ireland, that the Sons of Erin gained their fighting spirit. These tribes, some highly cultured, others the wild men of the primitive period, later became mixed more or less with the Gaels, the greatest gladiators of the old Roman Empire, and from them, they acquired the strength, endurance and gameness which later made the Irish gladiators supreme. These Gaels who overran Ireland centuries ago, were a powerful race and from their mixture, developed the "Fighting Irish."

Ireland has been a fighting nation since its very existence. Its sons have not only won distinction in the prize ring, but have the distinction of being listed among the world's greatest soldiers.

The Irish came by their fighting instinct naturally enough. They have loved fighters and fighting ever since the beginning of Erin's time. Never a day in the history of the race of this great people, have they feared to meet an enemy.

The Greeks and the Romans were the originators of boxing, their mills taking place in the public arenas with the caestus, the weapon of combat. The English, however, with rules to guide them, developed the sport, but it remained for the Irish to furnish the world's greatest fistic talent for close to 150 years.

Scan through the list of world champions in the various divisions of pugilism for the last century and a half and note the Irish names. Even some of the greatest of the English boxers have a strain of Irish blood in them, either on the father's or mother's side. Charley Mitchell, one of England's heavyweight champions, the man who fought John L. Sullivan a 79-round draw at Chantilly, France, had Irish blood in him on his mother's side; Bob Fitzsimmons, Austin Carey, Jem Carney, Jack Burke, Owen Moran, Paddy Gorman, Jem Driscoll and scores of others. Some years ago Australia sent to America a fine bunch of fighting men, the majority of whom traced their ancestry to the Irish. There was Big Paddy Slavin, Owen Sullivan, Mick Dunn, Dan Creedon, Billy Murphy, the only man who ever returned to Australia with a world's championship by virtue of his victory over Ike Weir; George Dawson, Tom Tracey, Jimmy Ryan, Billy McCarthy, Australian Billy Smith—all great fighters who added to the ring lore of the Irish race.

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A HISTORY of boxing from 1734 to 1914—the year the world war got under way—is a history of Irish stalwarts. Even the first fight for the championship recorded in American ring history, was between a native born American, a New Yorker, Tom Hyer, son of the first champion of the new country, Jacob Hyer, and Yankee Sullivan, who came here from Ireland. And when John L. Sullivan acquired the championship, he was the first Irishman to hold an American crown.

Ever since the days of Brian Boru, that "little green isle across the sea" has produced directly or indirectly, more fistic stars than any other country ten times its size. These sons of the Emerald Isle are scattered all over the world, and wherever they've settled, they've made their presence felt. The Irish are a race of self-restraint, but when once aroused, they are fighting demons and that is why they have proved so successful in the ring.

Self-restraint is one of the greatest assets for ring success and that is a trait some Irish lack. Had Billy Conn been able to restrain his emotion when Joe Louis "got his nanny" in their last battle, he would be the defender of the heavyweight title today, instead of the challenger. Perhaps Billy won't let himself be lured into a mixup with Joe when they clash again on June 19, and if he doesn't and can exhibit the same skill he did in their first tilt, an Irish champion is likely to be crowned.

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THE greatest of the Sons of Erin who made pugilistic history in this country was Peter Maher who came from Ireland under the guidance of Billy Madden. To the present generation he is but a shadowy personality dimly outlined against the fight background of the past, but in his prime, he was beloved by the people of his country as the greatest fighter since the days of Dan Donnelly.

It is a perfectly safe assertion that no other heavyweight pugilist ever had such an up-and-down ring career as Maher, without losing his drawing power as a box office attraction. There was always a feeling among the ring customers of his day that Peter had frequently been the victim of sheer bad luck, and, that given another chance, he might have redeemed himself gloriously.

It certainly wasn't Maher's fault that his engagement with Mike Morrissey, billed as a new Irish champion in 1889, turned out a horrible fiasco. In that lamentable affair Peter made just one pass at his opponent, which landed somewhere about Mike's shoulder. Whereupon the newly supposed terror from Erin curled up on the floor and was counted out. Later it transpired that Morrissey in private life was a keeper in an insane asylum, and had never appeared in a ring.

Had Maher's reputation not been that of an absolutely square shooter, he undoubtedly would have been accused of complicity in a glaring fake. But it was characteristic of the universal belief in Peter's honesty that he was credited with having been tricked into a match engineered by crafty gamblers out for a cleanup. Otherwise, he would scarcely have been chosen as one of the principals in two important contests shortly after the Morrissey affair. As it was, he won on a foul from Ed Dunkhorst and held Gus Ruhlin to a twenty-round draw.

The Ruhlin battle took place in New York, May 2, 1899, and is still referred to by those who witnessed it as one of the fiercest slugfests ever staged between two big men. Ruhlin was in his prime, six feet, two inches tall, scaling 195 pounds and four years junior to the Irishman. Billy Madden, Peter's former manager, was piloting Ruhlin, and particularly anxious to see Gus score over the Irishman. Tom Sharkey was a leading factor among the heavies just then. Tom had knocked out Ruhlin in one round, but in a fight with Maher, which police interference halted in the seventh round, Sharkey was lucky to get a draw, as Peter had floored him with one of his crashing rights, and the former seaman was in a distinctly bad way when a halt was called.

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CONSEQUENTLY Madden figured that a victory over Maher would send Ruhlin's stock up a whole lot, and he sent Gus into the fray with instructions to belt down the Celt in the shortest possible period of time. This give-and-take style of milling was exactly to Maher's taste, and the crowd was treated to a slam-bang, gruelling quarrel of magnificently savage proportions. Neither would take a back step—it was fight, fight, fight, all the time. Each man absorbed enough punishment to make the average boxer curl up in despair. Both were considerably cut up at the finish, and if there were any present who had doubted Maher's gameness, they must have been converted to an ironclad belief in his bulldog pluck.

Here again, however, Fate stepped in to snatch off Peter's newly acquired laurels. For he had not basked long in the new sunlight of popularity as a result of the terrific combat with Ruhlin, before he experienced a setback in the shape of a kayo handed him by Kid McCoy in five rounds.

This occurred at Coney Island on New Year's Day, 1900. There were some peculiar angles connected with the mill. Reliable reports had it that McCoy had agreed with certain gamblers to take the knockout, but Big Tim Sullivan, chancing to be put wise to the deal, and knowing that several of his friends were betting heavily on the Kid, sent McCoy a message by one of the Sullivan henchmen to the effect that the battle must be waged on the level. Otherwise, threatened Big Tim, he would see to it that New York would be no healthy place for McCoy either to fight or live in.

Not being a fool, McCoy did not antagonize the Big Chief by carrying out his original plan. But he saw to it that the cards were stacked a bit in his favor, anyway, for he kept Maher waiting in the ring until the Irishman was nearly frozen stiff.

The clubhouse was unheated, and a ramshackle structure at its best, the winter ocean breezes whistled icily through many a crack and crevice in the wooden walls. McCoy engaged in an argument with the club officials, as to the gloves to be used, merely to gain time. The Kid, warmly dressed and comfortable, kept wrangling until audience, officials and seconds were wild with impatience.

Suddenly, the Kid slipped into his fighting garb, announced that he was ready, entered the ring and proceeded to move lithely around Maher, whose joints were creaking with the cold. Before Maher could limber up, the Kid's flashing lefts had him going. Not that McCoy escaped scathless, for on one occasion he nearly succumbed to a right that the desperate Irishman got home on his jaw. But Peter simply couldn't untrack himself in time to turn the tide of battle, and was knocked out in the fifth round.

After the McCoy defeat, it was apparent that Maher was no longer in the running as a championship possibility, although he kept on scrapping steadily for *(Continued on page 34)*

ROCKY *the* MAN *of the* HOUR

By NAT FLEISCHER

ROCKY GRAZIANO, the man with the most devastating punch in recent years, added Marty Servo to his list of kayo victims by putting the welterweight king out in 1:52 of the second round of their overweight match at Madison Square Garden. In a contest of ferocious battling by the victor, Servo was so far outclassed that the 19,088 fans who paid the third largest Madison Square Garden gate of $173,163 to see the bout, were dumbfounded. Only two other gates in the famous arena exceeded that of the Servo-Graziano card, the Jack Delaney-Jimmy Maloney fight in 1927 that grossed $201,613, and the Joe Louis-Buddy Baer fight in 1942, which attracted a gate of $189,700.

The Graziano-Servo mill didn't bring to light anything new in the fighting qualities of the winner. It showed Rocky as the premier socker of the age, weight-for-weight, but again against a welterweight. He scored his sixth kayo in seven Garden starts, the only opponent to stand in the way of a clean sweep being a middleweight, Sonny Horne by name.

Those who contend that in the scrappy new fistic sensation, pugilism has been blessed with a second Stanley Ketchel, apparently never saw the great middleweight at the height of his career. What he could have done to the entire field of middleweights and light-heavyweights of this era would have been a pitiful tale. While Graziano against the leading welters has proved his right to the title of King Socker, and in some respects his fighting qualities measure up to those of Ketchel, especially when Stanley was fighting his way to the top, Ketchel's blows were sure shots. He didn't toss his punches at random and miss seven out of every ten. His punches were to the mark, and when they struck home, the one on the receiving end knew that something had hit him.

The same may be said of those who have faced Graziano in his climb, but the elapsed time is different. It takes much longer for Graziano to shoot across one good wallop than it did Ketchel.

Critics likewise have compared Rocky to Harry Greb, but in my opinion the Human Windmill was a far superior fighter and boxer. There can be no comparison between today's fistic sensation and the man who went down in ring history as one of the world's greatest middleweights of all time.

Let's not go haywire. Graziano admittedly is a hitter par excellence. He is, next to Joe Louis and Ray Robinson, the best attraction in boxing today. He is colorful, a crowd pleaser, and a fearless, rough-and-ready battler, but until such time as he has a chance to show his wares against the likes of Ray Robinson and Jake LaMotta, among half a dozen other star boxers, let's not affix to his name, "the second Ketchel." There will be time for that when he has really earned the appellation, which I hope some day he will acquire.

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THAT the fistic populace expected fireworks in the tilt with Servo was evident by the fact that for many days before the fight, the S.R.O. sign had been hung out by Mike Jacobs. The fans enjoy seeing an annihilator in boxing, and in Graziano they have that type of fighter.

Three times he dropped Servo, the champion, over whom he had a weight advantage of seven and a half pounds, 144½ to 152, all the knockdowns coming in the second session. The first time he went to the canvas for two seconds, the second for eight and the third for five when Referee Arthur Donovan stepped in to halt the one-sided affair.

Among the Servo enthusiasts, the cry went up after the first knockdown that Graziano had fouled his man by hitting him while Referee Donovan was trying to wipe his gloves, but that charge was unwarranted. After a furious exchange, Rocky crashed a right to the heart, though he said it was to the chin, and down went the champ. He went to his knees and was up at two.

So quickly did he get to his feet that the referee didn't pick up a count nor did he have a chance to order Graziano to a neutral corner. As Donovan rushed forward to the stricken fighter and attempted to wipe off his gloves, Rocky beat him to it and crashed a volley of punches to face and body that forced Servo into the ropes where a solid smash to the chin, a right, dropped him for an eight count.

Several dozen punches, all laden with dynamite, struck Marty before he went down for his second count. He again was on one knee as the count went on.

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WHEN Marty arose, the huge gathering knew that school was about to be let out. Like a wounded tiger, Graziano now rushed forth for the kill. Nothing could stop him. He had his man cornered and he knew it. He let loose with everything he had. An avalanche struck the title holder and he was bewildered. He no longer could amply protect himself against the furious assault.

Rocky kept measuring his man with every shot. Servo took enough punishment to drop the average fellow long before he was finally laid out. Graziano smashed Marty's head and face with hooks and swinging rights. Servo tried gamely to defend himself when a looping right crashed against the jaw and put the finishing touches to the one-sided affair. Down went the champ in a half-conscious state. He got up at five, wobbly, staggered to his corner unable to raise his arms in defense of himself when Arthur Donovan stepped in and called a halt.

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UNDER the New York boxing rules they called it a "technical knockout." Servo was on his feet and therefore he was not "knocked out." The folly of the "technical knockout" was evident in that mill. If ever one had a splendid definition of a knockout, he got it in the Servo-Graziano bout. Servo was what the old-timers would call "knocked out vertically." He was so befuddled, his brain so befogged, that it took several minutes before he knew what had happened to him.

The contest brought to light the fact that Rocky is not solely a right-hand puncher. In his previous bouts he depended almost wholly on his right mauley, thereby leaving himself open for a facial barrage. But against Servo, he used both fists to advantage. He used his left with effectiveness and crossed his right with dynamite-laden punches so frequently that his opponent couldn't escape the consequences.

What Rocky will do against the cream of the middleweights once he is forced to do battle in that class remains to be seen, but he has demonstrated that against the welters, no matter how clever or how hard they hit, he is supreme. Perhaps Ray Robinson might alter the situation, but as for Ray, there isn't a chance for him to get his desired match with the new money king of Jacobs' Beach.

Graziano is now matched to fight Tony Zale for the middleweight title and the chances are extremely bright that he will win that crown. A more legitimate opponent for Zale would have been Jake LaMotta, the man who brought boxing back with a bang to Madison Square Garden and who, by his repeated triumphs and popularity, should have been rewarded with a chance at the crown or a chance at Graziano to decide the challenger.

But these are days of commercialism, not sport. The ultimate gate is what counts in this era of boxing promotion, and since a Graziano-Zale bout undoubtedly will outdraw a LaMotta-Zale bout, Rocky gets the big plum and Jake must await his turn. On the other hand, a LaMotta-Graziano mill would eliminate one of two great fistic attractions and Mike Jacobs is too shrewd a promoter to risk such elimination of a gate magnet.

HEAVYWEIGHT PROSPECTS

BILLY CONN can hit. Take it from one who has boxed the Pittsburgh Irishman fifteen times. Harold Raskin, twenty-five-year-old Chicagoan, who won the heavyweight championship of the 8th Air Force, and later toured the ETO giving exhibitions with Conn, is of the opinion that Billy will defeat Joe Louis.

Raskin, a curly-haired handsome blonde lad, has been beaten but once in six pro fights since his return from Europe. Harold started boxing in 1940 and engaged in only ten simon pure scraps, losing but once. He was defeated by the experienced Clayton Worlds, who is still a pretty good heavyweight around the Midwest.

Raskin enlisted in the Army on March 10, 1942, and went overseas with the 8th Air Force as a ground crew mechanic in December of that year. Harold also competed in the ETO championships losing to the late Vince Kozac in the finals in a thriller at the famed Rainbow Corner in London in 1943.

While in London, Raskin boxed two exhibitions with Freddie Mills and one with Jack London. Harold also toured, but did not box with Joe Louis. Having seen Woodcock and Mills in action, Raskin feels that Mills is the better boxer.

"At any rate, Mills would go better here in America," Raskin revealed. "He is more colorful than Woodcock and would give our better heavyweights plenty of trouble. Bruce is of the stolid English type and it appears to me he has lots to learn."

"So has Raskin," his trainer, Joe Gross, laughingly observed. The Windy City prospect is a keen student of boxing and claims that Billy Conn, a very gracious fellow "when you get to know him" taught him plenty. When his fighting days are over, Raskin would like to try his hand at short story writing and journalism.

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ONELIO AGRAMONTE

EVERY so often, a newcomer flashes scintillating form in Stillman's Gym and excites the railbirds, who immediately wax enthusiastic and predict great things for the unknown boxer.

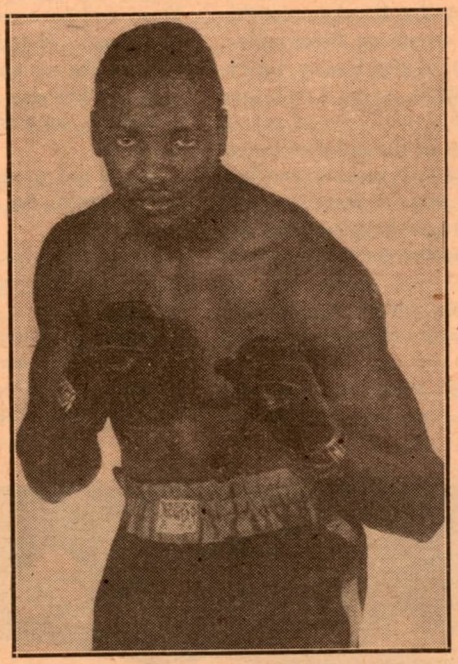
Such a performer is wiry, lean, fast-stepping Onelio Agramonte of Cuba who has looked exceptionally good in his workouts with Archie Moore and other leading 175 pounders and heavyweights.

Agramonte is no flash-in-the-pan gym fighter as proven by his sensational 53 second knockout over Johnny Davis, rugged Brooklyn heavyweight, at the St. Nicholas Arena recently. Agramonte's sensational six-round slugfest against the seasoned Billy Grant definitely stamped him a comer. The twenty-one-year-old light-heavyweight is another of the South of the Border importations of Charlie Johnston.

Onelio is one of eight children hailing from a small agricultural town, Camaguay, in Central Cuba. With his younger brother, Manuel, Agramonte entered an amateur tournament. Manuel was flattened in two starts and quickly dropped boxing to turn to baseball. Today he is one of the leading semi-pro outfielders in Cuba; a great baseball prospect.

Onelio, like so many other Cuban youngsters was greatly influenced by the success of the famed Kid Chocolate. He was seventeen years old when he began boxing and took part in 50 amateur contests, winning forty-eight. Agramonte turned professional, but was mismanaged and overmatched. In his sixth pro start he was tossed in against Mario Ochoa who defeated him. Agramonte then faced the experienced and capable Kid Tunero as a last minute substitute although he had been out of action for many months and was stopped after a hectic scrap.

Agramonte floored Tunero and had the Kid on the verge of a kayo until he ran out of gas. His present trainer, Pancho Rosales, was in the audience and purchased his contract, persuading Onelio to come to Mexico. There he engaged in a few fights until sent for by Johnston. The Cuban Negro has had 18 fights in all with Ochoa, Grant and Tunero listed as his only conquerors.



Onelio Agramonte, hard-hitting Cuban heavyweight.

The Agramonte family first settled in Cuba more than 150 years ago and Onelio is the first of the clan to make headway in the ring. He is a descendant of the famed revolutionary, General Agramonte.

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JIMMY EVANS

JIMMY EVANS, 180 pound youngster from Brooklyn, who has won fifteen of sixteen pro starts, is a great all-around athlete, but his manager Vinnie Cerola wishes the hard-hitting heavyweight would confine his activities solely to boxing.

Cerola was bemoaning the fates that had lost a Garden shot for Evans, while his charge sat on the edge of a rubbing table in Stillman's Gym as his trainer, Dan Florio, taped Jimmy's sore ankle.

"He lost in the Diamond Belt finals in 1940, after he easily licked all opposition," Cerola recalled. "Know why he lost? He played football the day before and hurt his elbow! Now I've got him matched in the Garden and he turns his ankle playing basketball!"

Evans, who is twenty-two years old, is a product of the Police Athletic League tournaments. In 62 amateur contests he was beaten but four times, flattening forty-five of his foes. Evans began boxing as a bantamweight and has competed in every class up to heavyweight.

In 1941 Jimmy enlisted in the Navy where he was an Aviation Machinist Mate. While stationed in Puerto Rico, Evans boxed numerous exhibitions against Tony Zale, the middleweight king, who was in charge of the physical fitness program.

The only man to defeat Evans as a professional is the Tampa contender, Tommy Gomez. Short of ready cash while still in the Navy, the inexperienced youth stepped in as a last minute sub against the more experienced Gomez and was stopped. His last start in the Garden was a sensational go with Hal Glassman whom he flattened after trailing most of the way.

Cerola has already received many lucrative offers for Evans' contract but prefers to handle Evans himself because Vinnie feels that Jimmy is of championship timber.

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TED WALTERS

A FORMER coal miner from West Virginia, Ted Walters, a young heavyweight, is the latest newcomer among the bigger fellows to show plenty of promise in his just begun pro career.

Walters steps around smoothly and boxes well for a six foot four inch giant who tips the beam at well over 200 pounds. Ted also possesses a good right hand punch. He began boxing as an amateur after laboring in the mines for four years.

The handsome Southerner started as a lightweight, taking part in 30 simon pure contests. Ted won 28 of the thirty fights, running up a string of fifteen consecutive knockouts. As a pro he has suffered but one defeat in four starts.

Walters reversed his only loss by flattening George Bonar in a thrill-packed battle at Madison Square Garden recently. Ted kayoed Jim Davenport and whipped Ernie Petretti in other bouts.

Many great fighters have come out of the coal mines, tough and durable, sturdy sluggers who made boxing history. The average fight fan automatically thinks of Mike and Pete Latzo when discussing great battlers who learned to box in the coal regions. Tommy Farr, the game Welshman who emerged from the dark pits to capture the hearts of American fight followers, is a heavyweight whom Walters would do well to emulate. Joe Baksi, the Kulpmont, Pa., contender, is a more recent example of a good heavyweight who dug anthracite before making the grade as a fighter.

Joe Levy who handles the affairs of the 24-year-old Walters is confident his charge will take his place alongside these illustrious battlers.

THE FIRST LOUIS-CONN FIGHT RECONSTRUCTED

Battle in Which Joe Stopped Billy in Thirteenth on Champion's Mind—He Has Not Failed in Second Meeting

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

ON June 19, under the lights in Yankee Stadium in New York, Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, will defend the title for a second time against Billy Conn of Pittsburgh.

It will be recollected that when they met for the first time, on June 18, 1941, at the Polo Grounds in New York, Louis scored a knockout in the thirteenth round.

Just as Jim Jeffries was on the verge of losing his championship to Jim Corbett at Coney Island when the crouching Boilermaker, who had dropped 22 consecutive sessions to the former heavyweight king, uncorked one in the twenty-third, so did Louis save his laurels in the thirteenth against Conn.

Not that Conn had emulated Corbett up to the point of cessation of hostilities. Billy had taken quite a few racking punches. He had been shaken from head to foot by some of Joe's best. But Conn had piled up a sufficiency of points to have wrested the championship from the Brown Bomber had the contest lasted the limit of fifteen heats.

All Conn had to do was to keep his head, fight supercautiously, attempt to do nothing radical, just skate along on what he already owned.

But the wild Irishman from Pittsburgh could not resist the temptation to become a fistic wise-Aleck, and was knocked out for his pains.

Of course, it is conceivable that if Louis had not landed the stopper in the thirteenth, he would have done so in the fourteenth. Nor is there any guarantee that if Conn had lasted into the fifteenth, a determined, hard-punching champion would not have belted in the haymaker in the final session.

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HOWEVER, we have to go by what we know, by what we saw that night at the Polo Grounds, and assume that quick-moving Conn could have coasted with his lead on points, and forced the judges to give him the title, if he had not become too cocky with Louis.

Now all that is water over the dam, and under the bridges. Five years have passed since that Louis-Conn imbroglio, and now we face a return fight, another contest in that stupendous sequence of spectacular events reminiscent of the Rickard heyday—a two-million-dollar battle.

We are not here and now concerned with the possibility that the Stadium will be packed to suffocation and that the take will be the biggest in the history of New York boxing, second only to that for the return Dempsey-Tunney fight in Chicago.

Rather are we concerned over the technical points which confront us in the June 19 affair.

It is for us to go back over that first Louis-Conn fight, blow by blow, and to consider all the fistic factors which enter into the situation as of today.

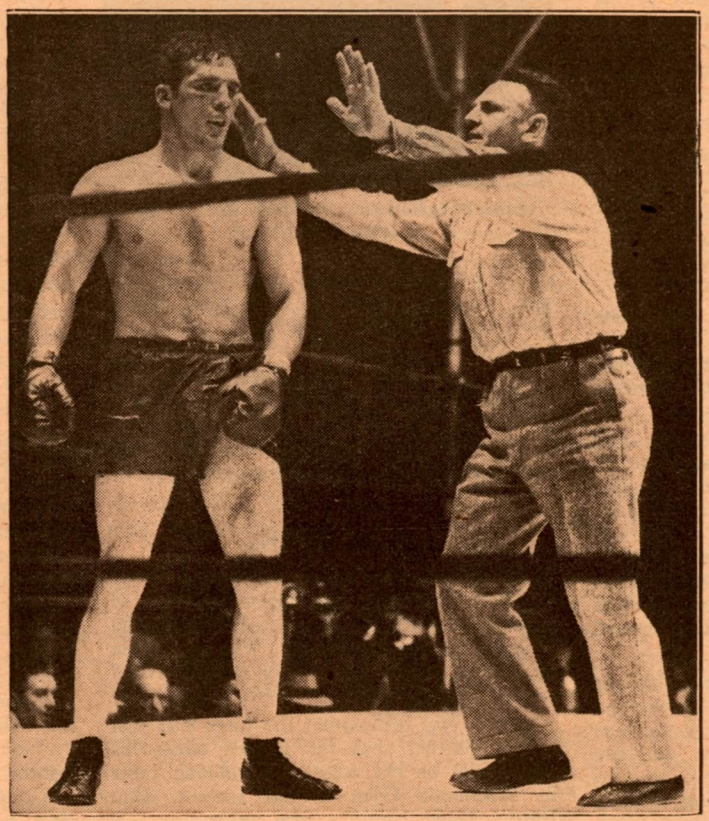
It is the writer's impression that Louis will win again, and win considerably earlier than the thirteenth round.

Backing up this impression is Louis' history as regards second meetings.

Joe is not a mental giant. In fact, the first time he encounters an opponent, he has a tendency to think and act down one track.

He schemes his methods of attack and defense, and must stick to them quite closely. If something most unusual crops up, he is at a loss.

However, while fighting a rival for the first time, Louis films a picture of his man's every move. Joe has an uncanny memory. He photographs on his subconscious every punch delivered by his opponent. He remembers every contingency, every expedient, every reaction. He works out from this collection of indelible impressions a pretty accurate idea of what his rival will do in certain situations, how he will react to every type of punch.



A game, aggressive Billy Conn fails in his attempt to wrest the heavyweight laurels from the head of Joe Louis. Here is how he looked after Referee Josephs had counted him out.

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WHEN Louis encounters an opponent for the second time, he unreels the first picture. He knows what his antagonist will do, and he knows what he, himself, will do against certain punches and when certain definitely looked for developments happen.

Please do not overlook one essential fact. The leopard never changes his spots, a fighter is not likely to devise a new system of combat for his most important test. Didn't Bob Fitzsimmons work up the solar plexus punch to beat Corbett? Certainly! But Fitz had used that wallop before. It had not received the publicity which Bob Davis was to give to it after Gentleman Jim had been knocked out with it, standing up against the ropes at Carson City, Nev.

Louis will know precisely what Conn will do from one

bell to another. His photographic mind will see to that.

Let us take a look at Joe's performance in second meetings. In his first engagement with Max Schmeling, the Brown Bomber was mowed down in the twelfth. "I know just why that happened," Louis explained. "Another time he won't do that to me. I have a picture in my mind of just how he does it."

When they met again Louis almost killed Max, and stopped him in the first round.

In Joe's first meeting with Arturo Godoy, in the Garden in New York, the Chilean tin-canned for 15 rounds. Godoy's crouch and his continual movement baffled the champion.

But when they got into the ring a second time, Louis knew exactly what the South American was going to do, bided his time until the eighth, and then let him have it. Godoy hasn't been the same ever since.

Another heavyweight with whom Louis mingled twice was Bob Pastor. In the Garden they engaged in a so-called contest that lasted the limit of ten heats.

Tutored by the erudite Jimmy Johnston, Pastor started running at the opening bell and never let up.

This system of fighting showed up the champion. He could not hit hard off balance, and he was off balance far too much. He could not cage or corner his man.

Then came the return fight, in Detroit. Louis gave Pastor one of the most unmerciful beatings ever handed out in a heavyweight championship contest. The end came in the eleventh. Pastor was game, he was resourceful, he was backed by the fistic acumen of Johnston.

But Louis's photographic mind had made a picture of the first meeting, and working off that, Joe scored a decisive triumph in that return engagement.

Louis always has been a fistic student. Rarely has he made the same mistake twice. There is nothing haphazard about his maneuvers. He takes every opponent apart, and if he fails to achieve the right diagnosis the first time, he does not fail against that man again.

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THE writer is not one of those who feels absolutely certain that had Conn "tin-canned" along through the fifteenth round he definitely would have won the title. Not only is it likely the Bomber would have tagged Billy anyway, but, as a matter of cold fact, Conn's point advantage going into the thirteenth was not precisely emphatic. Frankly, it was small.

Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of THE RING Magazine, holds a different opinion. He says that had Billy held on for another seven minutes, the championship would have been his. Here is what Fleischer wrote right after that fight:—

"THE performance of Conn was the most remarkable exhibition of gameness and courage seen in any of the bouts in which Louis has been called upon to defend his laurels. It was Joe's eighteenth successful defense of his championship and the one fight, more than any of the others, that satisfied even the Bomber's most ardent supporters that Louis had definitely slipped. He has passed his peak. The Conn fight proved that. The Bomber's punching, when he connected, was as powerful as ever, but he missed so frequently and was hit so often as to indicate the loss of much of his great fighting qualities.

"His big, handsome kid opponent found his master in Louis, but carried on as he promised he would—like a true ring warrior. When stung hardest, he fought back viciously, exchanged punch for punch, and at times had the champion so flabbergasted that Joe scarcely got in a solid wallop while trying to defend himself.

"Joe gained the victory, retained his title, but the honors for the night went to the young boy who was the victim. The huge gathering, the second largest since Louis' quick knockout of Max Schmeling, rose almost as one to cheer the boy who had thrilled them by his firm stand against great odds.

"It was a sudden Louis who finally caught up with the speedy Conn in the thirteenth. As the Bomber said in his dressing room, 'I figured I was losing. I knew I had to knock Billy out if I was to keep my title, so I jes' went out and did it.'

"In those simple words, the champion told the newspapermen how he retained the crown which Conn was trying to wrest from him, and then, queried further, Joe continued: 'I had to gamble. I was hoping Billy would get too cocky and open up, and then I would get him. He did jes' that. I hooked him with a wide left, then I caught him with a right. He became helpless. I knew I had him then and the rest was easy—just finishing him off.'

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"THAT tells the story of Billy Conn's defeat. Cockiness, extreme gameness, fearlessness in the face of heavy bombardment—true Irish fighting courage—they proved too much for Conn. Had he been more cautious and fought a clever battle instead of mixing it with so heavy a hitter as the Bomber, the Pittsburgher would today be wearing the crown that adorned the heads of other great Irish battlers—John L. Sullivan, Jim Corbett, Gene Tunney and Jimmy Braddock. That Conn himself realized the error was evident when he remarked in his dressing room, while tears were flowing down his cheeks and he tried desperately to hide them: 'I had too much guts for him. I was too game and learned my lesson too late.'

"Just two rounds more and two seconds, and Conn might have reached the goal of his ambition.

"The championship was within his grasp, but his spunky spirit got the better of him.

"Just when things looked rosy for him and it appeared that his dream would come true, Billy succumbed to a terrific one-minute bombardment of every assortment of punches, the kind that leave one paralyzed as they did eventually leave Billy when he was sent to the canvas and couldn't rise before the fatal ten had been counted. He was on the verge of getting up when Referee Eddie Joseph drolled off the fatal ten. It was the only knockdown of the fight. Previously Billy had slipped twice to the canvas when his legs crossed in trying to avoid a barrage.

"The stand of the skinny Pittsburgh lad amazed all, including Louis. Up to the time of the knockout, most of the scribes had Conn in the lead. My score card showed five rounds for each man and two even, but on the scoring of points, I had Billy well in the lead as the rounds he had gained were all by very big margins.

"The twelfth round in particular found Conn whacking Louis with enough punches to make Joe bleary-eyed. Billy landed with everything he had in a desperate attempt to clinch the laurels, and he came pretty near turning the trick. And not with the 'powder-puff' punches the Louis supporters said he possessed! They were real wallops!"

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THERE were 54,487 fight fans at the Polo Grounds on that June night which saw Louis dispose of Conn. They paid $450,000 into the Jacobs coffers and he managed to do fairly well for himself. But nothing like the Golconda which is sure to reward Mike in this return fight.

Louis weighed 199½ pounds while Billy tipped the beam at only 174. It was the fourth lowest weight registered by a contender for the heavyweight title during the glove era.

The battle was devoid of a knockdown until Louis sent over the haymaker in the thirteenth.

Before the dramatic windup, the closest they came to a knockdown was in the twelfth round, and Conn was the aggressor.

Conn decided to throw caution to the winds, to make the supreme gamble. He tore into Joe with rights and lefts and appeared to have the champion verging on distress.

Then Billy ripped a right to the chin, and Louis was staggered. In fact, Joe was close to a knockout. It took him several seconds to recover his stability and several more to know just where he was, and what he was about.

That was Conn's Sunday punch. That was Conn's tremendous chance. When he saw Louis shake off his best, Billy began to lose his confidence.

What was left of the Conn cockiness became dissipated in the thirteenth, as Joe applied those rib crushing punches, and soon the Brown Bomber shot home the quietus.

Billy fully realized then that he had met his master. He said that the Bomber's blows to the mid-section had weakened him and eased matters for the kayo.

AFTER the battle, Louis did not try to minimize the danger to which his title had been subjected, nor the trickiness of the challenger, who proved far more resourceful than had Tommy Farr in going 15 rounds with the Bomber.

Louis said, "I thought I had Conn going in the fifth round, but he wiggled off the hook. In the thirteenth round, Billy started a wild left hook. I dropped a short right to the jaw over that hook and it was all over.

"Conn gave me quite a shellacking in the twelfth, but, honest, he never hurt me. Yes, he had me fussed up. But not hurt.

"Eventually I nailed Conn and he lost his head. You see, he is shiftier than me and faster. I believe he is the trickiest man I have met. Trickier than Farr.

"After the eleventh round Jack Blackburn said to me, 'Chappie, you never nail this guy because he has you licked.'

"A great guy, this Conn. After the ninth round he said to me, 'Joe, you have a tough fight on tonight.' I said, 'Billy, that's right.'

"Well, I couldn't get going. Felt sluggish. But when I had to get him, I got him."

Conn wasn't always sure of what he was doing, because after the ninth and twelfth rounds, Billy started for Joe's corner.

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AS that fight got under way, with Eddie Joseph the referee and Bill Healy and Martin Monroe the judges, Conn danced around, pecking with his left. Louis kept moving in, with his guard high.

Conn hot-footed it until he got his legs crossed up and fell. As he was coming down, Louis shot a right to the head. As Billy arose he got a right to the heart. It was a typical Louis first round—typical of all his fights except that quick knockout of Max Schmeling.

As the second session got under way, Conn kept right on dancing for a minute, stabbing that left. Louis got sore and charged his man to the ropes with two-fisted volleys. Conn had to retreat, then he had to hold.

The third round picked up tempo. Just near the close, Conn hooked a left to the head and followed with a right to the jaw. Another left hook hurt the champion just as the gong sounded, and the crowd went into a terrific uproar. This was something else again.

Conn followed up his advantage in the fourth. Two right crosses to the jaw hurt Joe, but he just blinked. Billy was moving with greater speed than any of Joe's opponents yet had shown and the Negro could not get set for a hard punch.

In the fifth round Conn fought as if his fear of the champion had worn off. Billy shifted to clever boxing, craftily maneuvering, sharp, clean punches!

Suddenly Louis hammered a left hook to the jaw, and Conn was staggered.

Joe followed with a fusillade of rights and lefts to the head and face. That was when the Louis of the second Schmeling fight would have won by a knockout. But something was lacking. The target was open, the punches were being driven home, but while Conn was wobbly, he did not go down. Near the close of the round, a right hook opened a cut over Conn's right eye.

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THE sixth saw Louis wallop a right to the heart. It must have hurt plenty.

As Conn went to his corner at the end of that heat, the right side of his face was swollen, his eye was cut, his nose ditto. But his spirit was unquenchable.

In the seventh, Conn was persuaded to be more cautious. He had been told not to lead so much, because leading means leaving openings, and Louis was not the sort of hitter you invited to throw punches into those leads.

The eighth saw Conn demonstrate his superior cleverness, and his fine punching qualities, as well.

Thrice Conn shot his right to the jaw. Then right and left, as the champion failed to send in an answer. Louis looked puzzled. Something he had not bargained for had come up, and his one-track scheme had become upset.

Came the ninth, and Conn walloped that right to the jaw. Another right to the jaw! This was a fight. Louis tore in, but Conn refused to back away and kept up an indomitable attack which had the crowd in an uproar.

They traded drives in the tenth. Conn slipped to the canvas and on arising was met with lefts and rights. Louis was starting to perk up.

In the eleventh, Conn carried the fight right to the champion and took the lead on points. Billy walloped Joe with about every punch you will find in a book of boxing instruction.

Joe now held, and then tore into the tantalizing challenger, who refused to be backed into a tight corner. Joe held and then held some more and at the gong, got a left to the chin. This was more than a fight. It was one of the greatest upsets in the history of the heavyweight title.

The twelfth saw Conn add to his advantage. But the thirteenth was stark tragedy for the Pittsburgher.

As the thirteenth got under way, Louis permitted Billy to keep taking the play away from him.

That was for one precious minute, at the end of which Billy shot a left to Joe's face.

Then the champion went to work. He took back the initiative and there was nothing the tiring, outweighed Conn could do about it.

Soon came a right to the jaw. Conn did not go down. But he was whipped.

Conn's footwork ceased. His cockiness was gone. His zip had been dissipated.

Louis was like a tiger stalking its prey at close range. Right, left, right, left! Seven punches in a row. Conn's nose was cut, and blood ran from a slit under his right eye.

Then a right to the jaw, and Conn dropped to the canvas.

Here is the story, round by round:—

First Round—Conn danced away from the advancing Louis, shooting a right to the head in his retreat. Conn jabbed a left to the head and moved backward. Conn stepped away from a long left. He tripped over his own feet and fell for a count of two. Conn stabbed a left to the face. Louis lashed a right to the kidneys and Conn shot back a left to the face.

Conn hooked a left to the head and took a left and right to the head in return. Conn drove a long left to the body. Louis missed a long right to the face. Conn stepped backward steadily and Louis stalked him. The champion was unable to catch up with his fleet rival.

Second Round—Conn jabbed a left to the face and held. At close range Conn hooked a left to the head. Conn stabbed a light left to the face and danced backward. Conn poked two more lefts to the face before Louis landed a light left on the nose. Louis drove a straight left to the face and landed a left and a right to the head. Louis sent both hands to the head near the ropes before he shot a right to the head and a left to the body.

Louis hooked a left to the body. Louis pounded the body with both hands. Conn fought back and drove both hands to the face. Conn hooked a left to the head. Louis drove a right to the body and Conn held. Conn hooked a left to the head.

Third Round—Conn sent a light straight left to the face while retreating. They traded left hooks to the head. Louis sent a left to the forehead and grazed the chin with a long right. Conn hooked a left to the body and held. Louis drove a left to the top of the head. Conn hooked a left to the face and sent Louis off balance.

Conn hooked two more lefts to the face and held. Conn ran backward rapidly as Louis pursued him. The champion reached his rival with a left to the face. They traded long lefts to the head. Conn bounced a hard right off Louis's chin and followed with a left and a right to the face. Conn hooked a left to the face.

Fourth Round—Conn opened the round with his characteristic retreat. He stopped suddenly and lashed a straight left into Joe's face. Conn drove a solid right smash to the face. He drove another right to the jaw and Louis's knees bent. Conn hooked a left to the head at close range. Conn shot several lefts to the face while Louis held.

Conn hooked a left to the head and drove a right to the jaw. Conn landed a hard right to the face. Louis was short with a right for the head. They traded left hooks to the face. Louis sent a left to the body. Conn landed a right to the chin. Louis hooked a left to the face.

Fifth Round—Conn backed up, but Louis caught him and drove a left and a right to the head. Conn shot a left hook to the chin. Louis sent a light left to the face. Louis drove a right to the body. Conn shot a right to the face and hooked a left to the head. Conn drove a long right to the body.

Conn shot a left to the body and a right to the head. Conn jabbed a left to the face and drove a right to the chin. Louis shot a right to the heart. Louis hooked a left to the head and then drove both hands to the head. Louis sent Conn's head back with a right. Louis pounded the body with both hands. Conn tried to hold but Louis continued to pound the body.

Sixth Round—Louis hooked a left to the head and missed a right to the head. Conn ran from corner to corner, with Louis in pursuit. Conn hooked a left to the head and Louis forced him to the ropes to pound the body. Louis drove both hands to the body as Conn held. Conn emerged from a clinch with a cut over his left eye. Conn stood toe to toe with the champion and traded punches willingly.

Conn hooked a left to the head and then clinched. Louis drove a left to the head and sent both hands to the midsection. At close range they traded body punches.

Seventh Round—Conn stopped dancing backward long enough to shoot a light left to the face. Louis landed a left to the body and took a right to the chin in return. Louis

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GOOD CLUB FIGHTERS

BOB BOUCHER

EX-ARMY Air Forces Lieutenant Bob Boucher, undefeated Nebraskan welterweight, whom THE RING touted as the most promising novice boxer developed in the Army during World War II, has now won fifteen straight contests, via the kayo route.

A studious, book-reading, intelligent chap, Boucher has already attracted the attention of many local sportswriters who see a parallel between his fighting career and that of Gene Tunney.

Prior to his entry into the Army, Bob had never boxed, although he did participate in basketball, track, football, and baseball, earning four letters in these sports at Nebraska City High School. He was discovered by Chester Rico, clever New York lightweight, who is now his stablemate, and Bob Montgomery. Rico persuaded Boucher to try his hand at the mitt game and turned him over to his own pilot, Jack Barrett.

Rico and Barrett continue to coach him, and these two ring veterans are amazed at the natural aptitude of the former Army flier.

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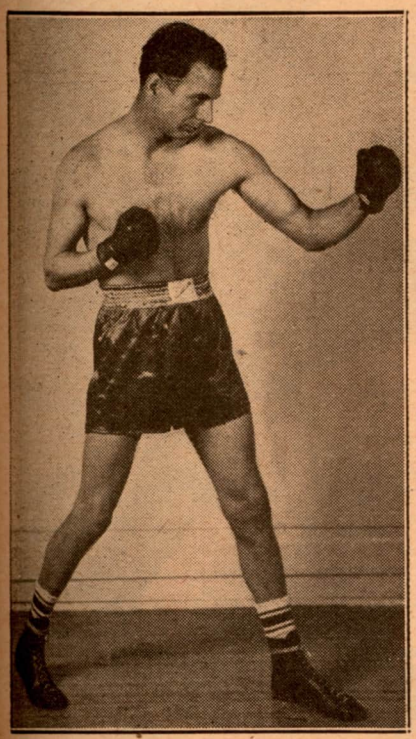
BOBBY GARCIA

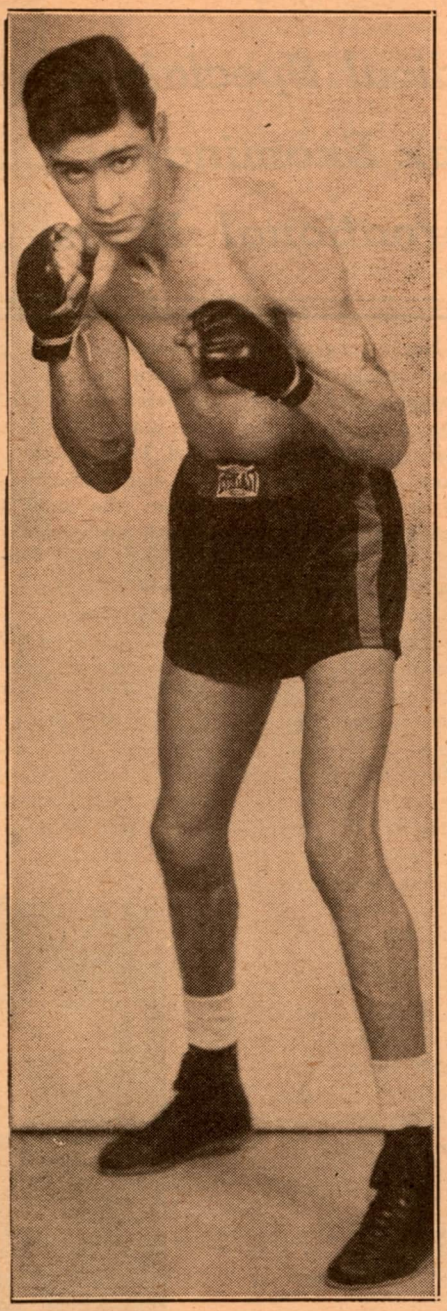
A FIGHTING son of a famous fighting father, Bobby Garcia, Jr., is determined to emulate his late dad who was one of the toughest hombres in ring history.

There have been numerous cases of father and son combinations who made their mark in boxing. Bob Fitzsimmons, Jr., although he failed to go as far as the immortal Ruby Robert, is one example. Bobby Britton, son of Jack, and Bobby Ruffin, son of Teddy Hubbs, are more recent prodigies of fighting fathers.

Bobby Garcia, who was killed in a railroad accident on August 12, 1943, gained renown as the Mexican Wildcat and many



Australian Jack Allen, Vancouver, B. C., heavyweight, making a great comeback.



Bobby Garcia, Baltimore welterweight, son of the famed Mexican Wildcat, Bobby Garcia, a ring great of two decades ago.

fistic critics rate him as one of the greatest fighting machines of all time.

Young Garcia, before he joined the Army, ran up a string of eleven straight kayoes before he suffered his first setback. Bobby has lost but two out of a total of twenty starts. A rangy, tall kid who stands five feet, ten inches and weighs but 146 pounds, Garcia may yet develop into a middleweight. He is 21 years old and was born in Baltimore on April 3, 1925.

Bobby was carefully guided as a beginner by the capable Pete Jagodinzki, but after Garcia received his honorable discharge from the service, he found Pete tied up in business ventures. Pete thereupon turned Garcia over to genial Jack Barrett, whose stable includes Chester Rico and Bob Boucher.

At this writing, Garcia has won all three of his post-war starts. In his last bout he defeated the cagy veteran, Bobby Cummings of Brooklyn, over the eight-round route at New Britain, Conn. An oddity of the bout between Bobby Garcia, Jr., and Cummings is the fact that the referee, Louis (Kid) Kaplan, former featherweight champion of the world, who boxed Bobby's father four times, was the referee. The late Garcia, Sr., first held Kaplan to a 12-round draw at Waterbury, Conn., on March 20, 1924.

In three subsequent meetings the clever champ from the Nutmeg State romped off with ten-round decisions over Garcia.

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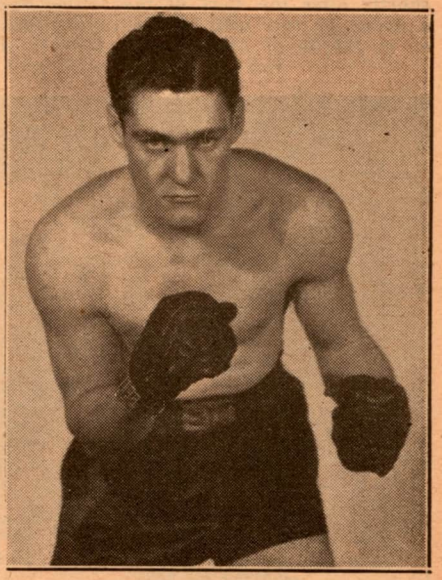
AUSTRALIAN JACK ALLEN

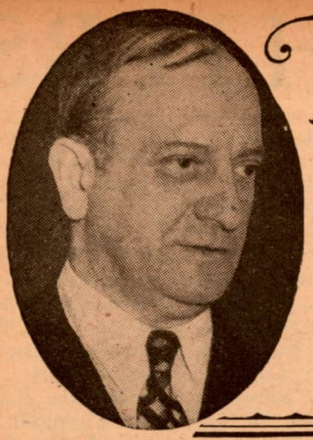
AUSTRALIAN JACK ALLEN, hard-socking middleweight veteran, is on the comeback trail after several years' absence from the ring. Allen, who flattened 44 of his last 50 foes, definitely seems headed for fistic heights. He is probably the hardest hitting middleweight the Northwest has seen since Al Hostak hung up the gloves.

In 1939 when Allen was hitting a high C, he had the misfortune to be hit by a car following a bout with Red Miller. Allen suffered head and leg injuries which kept him out of the fight game for several years. Refused by the Army, Navy and Air Force because of his injuries, Allen obtained a job in the shipyards and in his spare time trained an up and coming youngster named Felix DiPalma. This youngster has since gone to New York, winning 30 out of 33 bouts. The youngster is now known as Phil Palmer. Allen married a Vancouver girl and is now the proud papa of a baby boy. This inspired Jack to make a comeback so his son can have the things Jack missed in his childhood.

Since Allen has started his comeback, he has been dodged repeatedly by most of the better Northwest middleweights. However, Australian Jack will soon be seen in action in Seattle, Bremerton, Tacoma and Vancouver rings. Regular shows are being staged in these cities and a hard-punching crowd pleaser like Jack Allen is sure to click with the fans.



Ex-Lt. Bob Boucher, Nebraska City scrapper, unbeaten in fifteen starts.



Nat FLEISCHER *says:*

Medical Specialists Needed in Boxing

Lax Examinations Invite Casualties

International Bouts Come to the Fore

THE death of Dave Mason, Buffalo Negro heavyweight, following on the heels of the unfortunate mishaps to Nat Hines, Philadelphia Negro heavyweight, and Dixon Walker, University of Maryland champion, brings the total of ring casualties, amateur and professionals this year, to the unprecedented total of five for the short period of three months. Besides Mason, Walker and Hines, Jack Von, a 22-year-old Ex-Marine, a pro fighter, died after being knocked twice through the ropes in the fifth round of a six-round contest at Salem, Oregon, last February and Lee Perry, a Negro light-heavyweight from Chicago, died after being hit under the heart in the second round of a five-round windup on the Madison Athletic Club card of Chicago two days before the Salem death.

In prior years, deaths scarcely ever reached beyond five for a period of twelve months, hence it behooves those in control of the sport throughout the country, both amateur and professional, to take exceptional heed. That the medical examiner's verdict in each death has exonerated the opponent, proves that an unhealthy condition existed in the dead boy prior to the entry into the ring. In each case the verdict has been either "the boxer died of a heart attack" or, "the boxer died of a brain concussion, brought on by a previous injury."

The medical profession realizes that a superficial examination, such as is given the fighters on the afternoon of a contest, is insufficient to enable the doctor to detect a brain injury that would be aggravated in a contest of hard punching. But it is different with a heart condition, an eye ailment or an ear disease. Those can and should be detected when a boxer is undergoing his medical examination for the show in which he is entered.

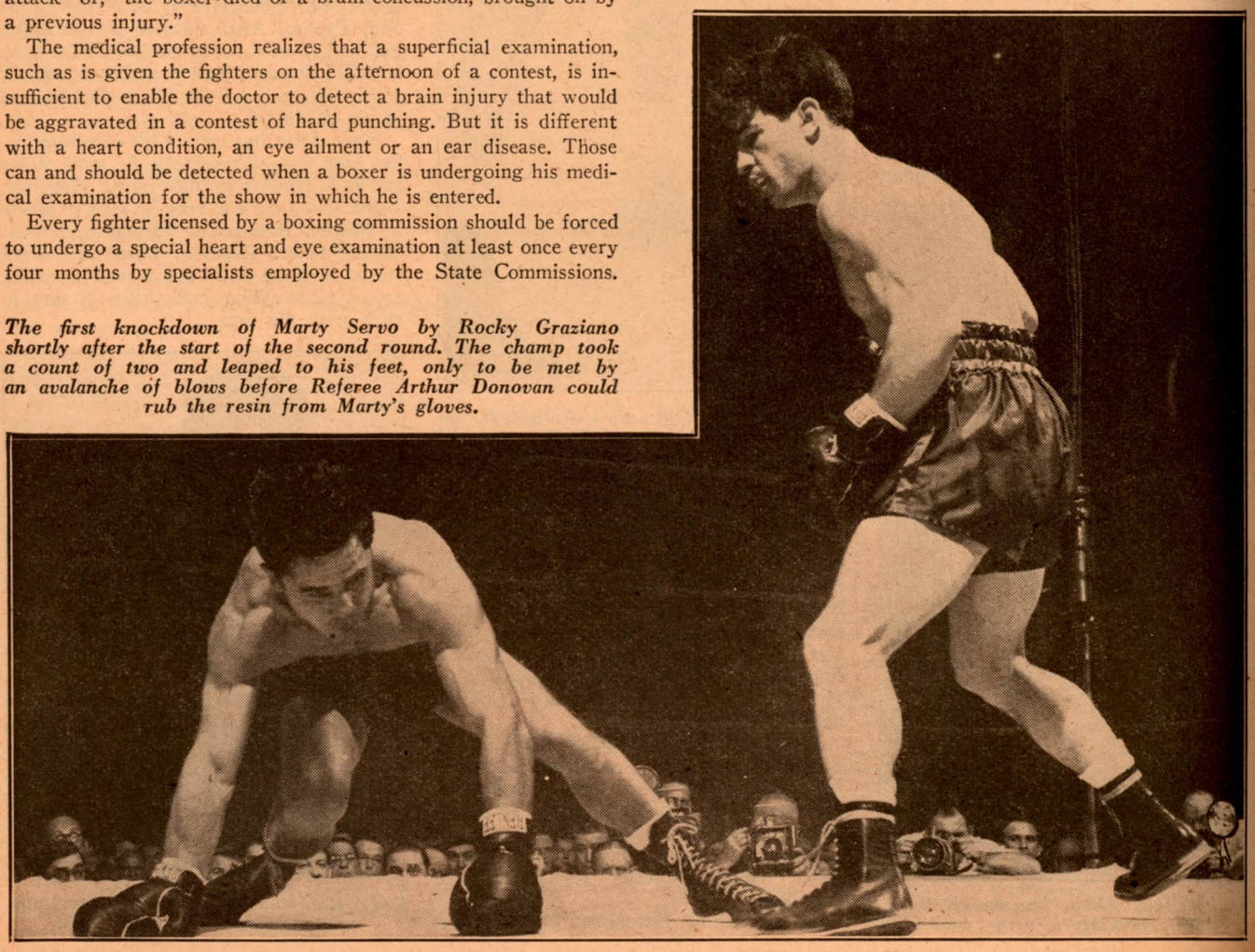
Every fighter licensed by a boxing commission should be forced to undergo a special heart and eye examination at least once every four months by specialists employed by the State Commissions.

The income from fights throughout the country has risen to exorbitant figures. The states have been collecting taxes on boxing as never before in the history of the country. This is particularly true in the major boxing centers—New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Illinois and California.

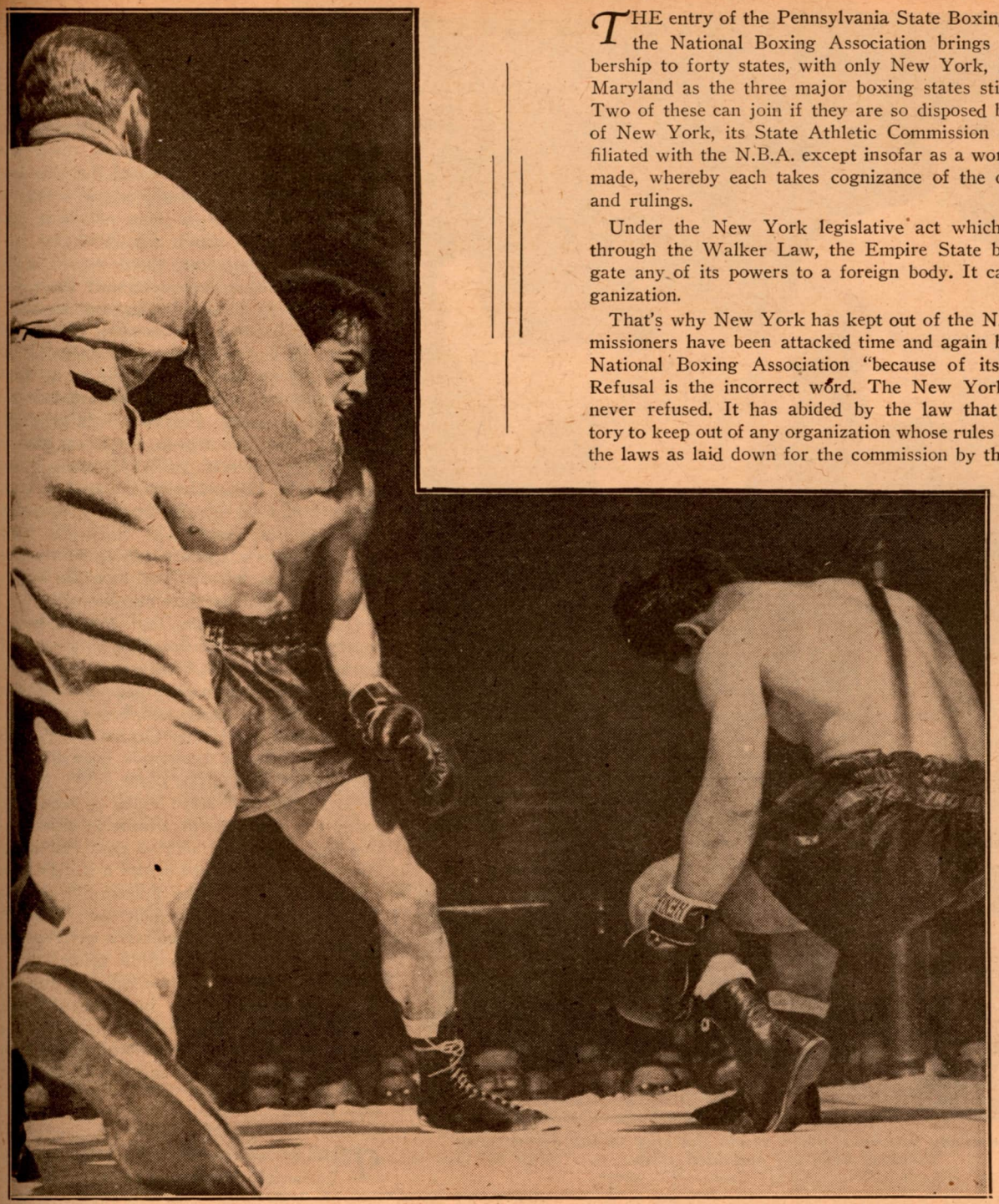
I suggest that the commissions make arrangements to hire specialists who could devote one day a week during the entire year to make such examinations as are outlined above. The major states can well afford to spend $10,000 a year out of their vast boxing revenue to gather among their medical examiners the heart and eye specialists.

Boxing is a huge commercial business. The men in it deserve the full protection which medical science can render. They pay for the privilege of performing in their vocation. They are well paid for their service, that's true, but the state and national government take plenty from them, hence share in the benefits of pro boxing.

That being the case, the state, which has legalized boxing and has complete jurisdiction over the sport through a state appointed commission, should add to its medical examiners even though such



The first knockdown of Marty Servo by Rocky Graziano shortly after the start of the second round. The champ took a count of two and leaped to his feet, only to be met by an avalanche of blows before Referee Arthur Donovan could rub the resin from Marty's gloves.



The third and last knockdown. The helpless form of the welterweight king is slumping against the lower strand while Referee Donovan rushes forth to check a further advance of Marty's antagonist.

THE entry of the Pennsylvania State Boxing Commission into the National Boxing Association brings that body's membership to forty states, with only New York, Massachusetts and Maryland as the three major boxing states still out in the open. Two of these can join if they are so disposed but under the laws of New York, its State Athletic Commission cannot become affiliated with the N.B.A. except insofar as a working agreement is made, whereby each takes cognizance of the other's suspensions and rulings.

Under the New York legislative act which legalized boxing through the Walker Law, the Empire State board cannot delegate any of its powers to a foreign body. It cannot join any organization.

That's why New York has kept out of the N.B.A., yet its commissioners have been attacked time and again by members of the National Boxing Association "because of its refusal to join." Refusal is the incorrect word. The New York Commission has never refused. It has abided by the law that makes it mandatory to keep out of any organization whose rules might conflict with the laws as laid down for the commission by the state legislature.

The State of Maryland at one time was a member of the N. B. A., but when that organization refused to accept Harry Jeffra as the world featherweight king prior to his defeat by Joey Archibald, the break was made and now there is talk again of hooking up with the N.B.A. because of the run out of Archie Moore from his fight with Buddy Walker. It is the contention of the Marylanders that the time is ripe for rejoining the national body in order to curb such run outs by a national suspension.

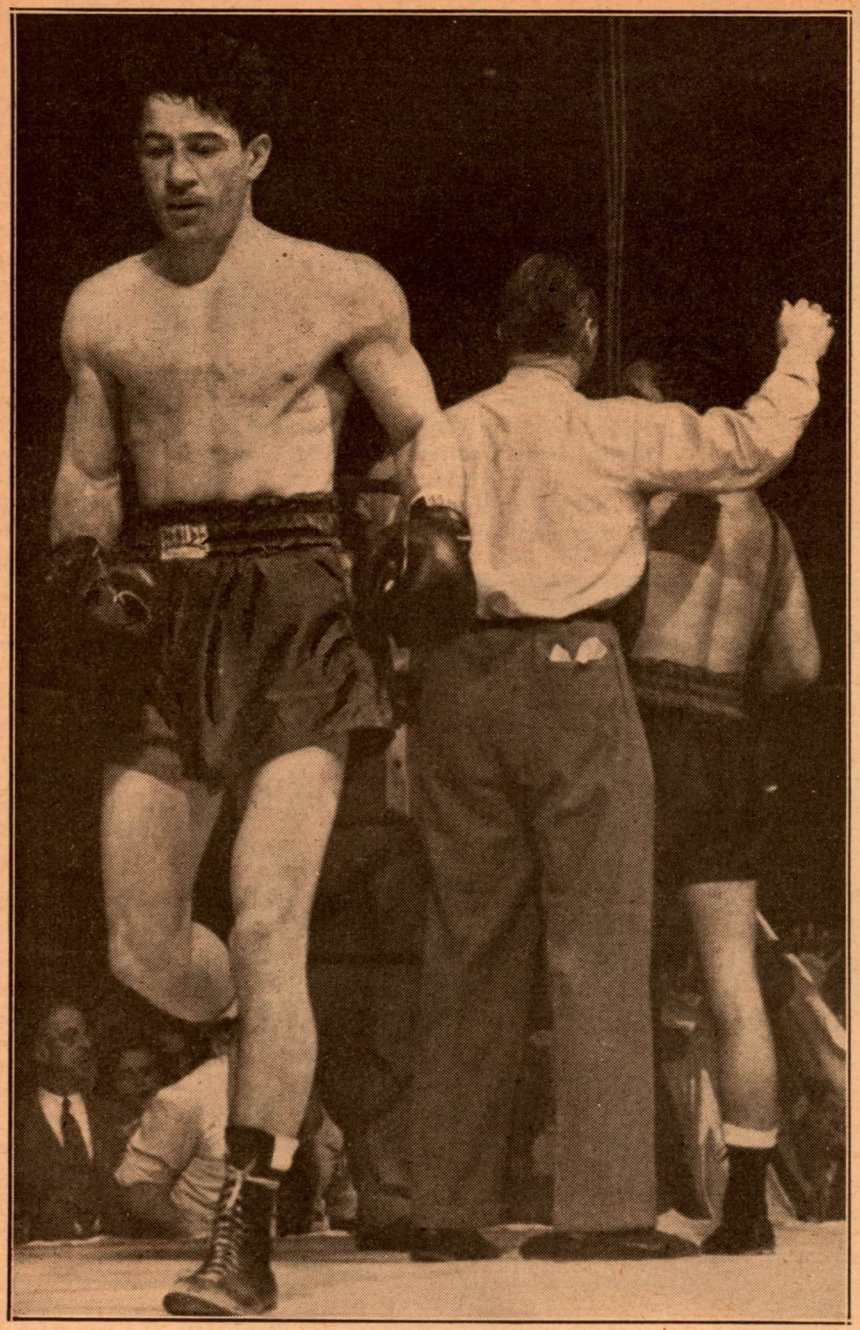
I agree with those who argue that the only way to check the unruly in boxing, the run out artists, the sluggers who like to take a pot shot at spectators or referee, is by a national suspension, but I doubt that action by the N.B.A. will put a halt to such practices. It has been tried before and failed. Why? Because the N.B.A. states have never yet stuck by their guns when it came to concerted action. Every time a fight promoter of any prominence wanted to make use of a suspended boxer, his home state commission tossed aside the working agreement and permitted the match usually with the subterfuge that such bout had been arranged previous to the suspension and that the suspension would be enforced after the fight.

It has always been my contention that proper supervision by a state commission is all that is necessary for boxing to prosper and the hoodlums to be driven out of the sport. Working agreements among state commissions should be the best means to curb the unruly.

additional employment means a lessening of the state boxing income.

The boxing game suffers today from an insufficient number of first-rate medical supervisors. Too many incompetent examiners are on the payroll of state commissions only because they are political favorites. Let's do away with politically appointed medicos and give the boxers a real break by having experts, men highly regarded in the medical profession, take hold. Then and then alone, will the casualties reach the minimum of past years or be wholly eliminated.

Many fighters have been passed as physically fit in New York who it later developed were blind in one eye. It took the California Commission's doctors to discover this and put a halt to the fighting career of such men. The most glaring case was that of Slugger White, an outstanding lightweight, who frequently fought in New York but was banned on the Pacific Coast and was forced to retire.



The happy warrior, Graziano, walks across the ring to his corner after Donovan halts the one-sided affair.

The National Boxing Association has done a fine job in controlling the sport in minor states, but it has never been able, not even in the home state of its high officers, to rule the sport with an iron hand. Too often politics has been permitted to enter the disputes and that, more than anything else, has been the reason for the slow progress made by the National Boxing Association.

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THE folly of fighting too often, was evident to Willie Joyce, ranking challenger for lightweight honors when he was held to a draw by Danny Kapilow in Madison Square Garden. Willie and Danny took on the fight on short notice as a substitute for the Mauriello-Baksi bout that was called off and each showed the effects of a previous bout staged only a few days before their Garden appearance. Willie, only four days before, had knocked out Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson in Washington and his strength ebbed as the fight with Kapilow progressed. He was not the Joyce that thrilled Garden fans in several recent contests, and only because he was not primed for so tough a battle as Danny gave him.

By gaining only a draw with Kapilow, Joyce lost some of his prestige. Fighting too often is almost as bad as remaining idle for a long period.

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NEWS of Australian boxers, somewhat obscured by the war, is beginning to reach the desk of THE RING editor regularly now, and it is learned that Vic Patrick, a 136-pound southpaw, who knocked out Tommy Burns in nine rounds at Sydney recently to retain his Australian welterweight crown, now looms as one of the greatest fighters ever developed Down Under. He also holds the lightweight title.

Patrick spotted Burns ten pounds and showed he can take it as well as dish it out when he came back after being on the verge of a knockout to flatten his man. Referee Joe Wallis, discussing Patrick's fighting ability, declared that Vic was every bit as good as Les Darcy ever was. Other Australian boxing critics rate his performance against Burns as the best ever seen in the Sydney Stadium.

Twenty-five years old, Vic is the father of a seventeen months old baby daughter and expects a new addition soon. He is a dye expert and bleacher in a woolen mill.

One of the reasons that Patrick is definitely regarded as the No. 1 international attraction, is his drawing power which seems to overshadow even the magnetism of other foreign fighters such as Bruce Woodcock, Freddie Mills, or Marcel Cerdan. For Patrick's fight with Burns, thousands upon thousands were turned away. The night before the bout, at least 500 fans were lined up outside the gates for the general admission tickets, reminding American service men still in the Antipodes of the night before a world's series outside the gates of the Yankee Stadium. The majority slept on blankets or newspapers through the night. Speculators were hawking tickets for as much as $100 apiece!

Yessir, it appears, as we have so often predicted, that interest in international boxing in the postwar era will easily dwarf the period of American "invasions" which began with Fitzsimmons and ended with the debut of Tommy Farr.

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THE decision of Joe Vella, manager of Gus Lesnevich, world light-heavyweight champion, to go abroad with the title holder and face Freddie Mills in London in a bout for the crown, came as a complete surprise to Mike Jacobs. Uncle Mike has been trying for several months to get Gus to defend his crown against Archie Moore, recognized American leading contender or Jake LaMotta, the best of the middleweight contenders. Archie Moore had worked himself into a position where he was entitled to first consideration, but the fact that Mike Jacobs had never seen fit to give the Negro a chance to show in the Garden, influenced Vella to toss Archie aside.

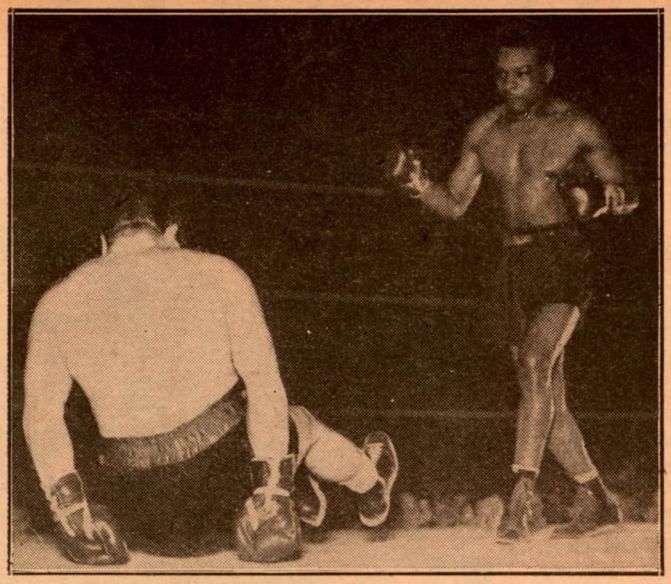
As for LaMotta, who was favored by Jacobs for the shot, Vella refused to accept him despite Jake's huge drawing power, on the ground that of all those who were in the field as possible opponents for the champ, LaMotta was the toughest. So Vella decided to accept Jack Solomons' offer to battle in England.

By making this choice, Vella has given to the British their first chance in many years to win a world title in international competition and it is my opinion that when the smoke of battle is over, the light-heavyweight crown will be resting on the head of Freddie Mills. Though Lesnevich and Mills have signed for a return engagement in the states in the event the British cruiser-

weight king is victor, I doubt that such a contest will take place.

Vella is the first manager of a champion who has openly defied Jacobs in the acceptance of a bout for a title holder in a major division in which Jacobs will have no interest as promoter or co-promoter. Lesnevich is not picking an easy opponent in Mills, who proved by his two-round knockout over Len Harvey and others of equal importance that he is a terrific puncher.

Jack Solomons, who is promoting the fight in London, will have the first choice when it comes to a return match. Should the fight prove to be exciting and worth a repeat engagement, then Solomons will stage the return go in England, regardless of the winner. Should Mills win in decisive fashion, Ted Broadribb, Mills' mentor, has agreed to give Lesnevich a return match, should Gus seek a second engagement.



Here we see John Thomas, Florida heavyweight, dropping top-notch contender Tami Mauriello in the first round of their rousing go at Detroit, where Tami came back to kayo Thomas.

Present indications point to a capacity house at White City Stadium, London, which has a seating capacity of 90,000. This will be Mills first engagement since his discharge from the R.A.F., where he served for the past six years.

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THE more Golden Gloves contests I watch, especially in New York, the more I think it is time for the Amateur Athletic Union to wake up and toss aside some of the incompetent officials who judge these fights. The A.A.U. is a closed corporation. A newcomer, one who hasn't been part and parcel of the regime that has functioned for many years, hasn't a chance to be appointed in an official capacity as judge or referee. Unlike the professional field where new blood is welcomed and is given an opportunity to show, the Amateur Athletic Union which controls all Golden Gloves and other simon-pure contests, sticks to the old guns.

Were some of the atrocious decisions given in the recent *Daily News* Golden Gloves shows in Madison Square Garden rendered in professional fights in the same arena, there would be such a hue and cry, Lt. Col. Eagan would be forced to toss aside those responsible and give them a chance to take a long, enforced rest. The majority of the veteran judges who rule the roost in the Golden Gloves bouts should retire in favor of young men who are more up-to-date on judging contests.

With twenty points to a round for each fighter, I have seen judges turn in a tally of 20 to 19, despite the fact that the loser was outclassed by a mile in that session and was dropped cleanly once. What kind of judging is that!

In the Eastern championships, three decisions were so unfair that it was a pity to eliminate the loser when in reality he had won the fight hands down. The huge gathering in attendance at the Garden showed its disapproval by hissing and booing, but the A.A.U. judges who have been sitting in on amateur fights for a quarter of a century or more, couldn't possibly be wrong!

Let's clean house, Mr. Kelly. As president of the Metropolitan A.A.U., you should forget friendship. It's about time the old-timers gave way to young men who can see a fight with more open eyes than the old birds who, according to the A.A.U. code in New York, will rule until Father Time counts them out!

In the finals of the East vs. West tournament which was witnessed by a capacity gathering, the worst the Easterners should have gotten had competent officiating been the rule, instead of the exception, was a tie. The decisions in four bouts were so raw that it might be a good idea for the A.A.U. to hire a few of the competent pro judges since the A.A.U. officials, like the professionals, are paid for their services.

I don't blame the Eastern lads for being peeved at the raw deal they received from the officials in the final bouts. Cliff Hart, winner in the 147-pound class, one of the Easterners, got a gift but Tommy Rhett, alternate flyweight of the Eastern division; Adolfo Castro Calderon, bantam king; Joe Barrone, featherweight champ, and George Frazer, alternate lightweight, each was entitled to the decision which was awarded to a Western visitor.

The best of the Golden Glovers in Eastern competition this year was Gabby Marek, the New York heavyweight champion, Nick Kashuba, the 147-pounder, and Bob Foxworth, a 20-year-old Negro light-heavyweight with professional polish. It's a cinch that he'll make good as a pro if he joins the money-chasing ranks.

The Golden Gloves classic, an annual affair in all parts of the country, but the finals of which are always staged in an East-West tournament under the auspices of the *Daily News* of New York and the Chicago *Tribune,* has produced considerable talent for the professionals. Among the champs who have emerged from the Golden Gloves are Tony Zale, Barney Ross, Marty Servo, Melio Bettina, Joe Louis and a horde of other fistic stars.

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ELMER RAY, one of the nation's outstanding heavyweights, who has been forced to campaign in parts other than in New York, has been signed by Jack Dempsey to fight exclusively for the circuit over which he rules. Ray has repeatedly demonstrated his worth as a top fighter, but like Sam Langford of old, the good men shun him and efforts to obtain recognition from the Garden officials have failed. Campaigning in the south where he has scored kayoes over every opponent he has faced, Ray gained the attention of Max Waxman, manager of Dempsey, and through Max, Ray found a helping hand in Dempsey.

It now remains to be seen how far Elmer will go in the new setup. He has a record of 36 knockouts in 39 bouts.

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THE Pennsylvania Boxing Commission, which has been in the public eye on several occasions in recent months, again got into the fistic spotlight by its revision of the rules on illegal punches that temporarily disable a boxer. Under the old rules, an illegal punch that injured a fighter or put him on the canvas, was automatically counted out, unless he could get to his feet and resume fighting before the referee could complete the fatal ten. Under the new rule, "when an accidental foul of major extent is committed and an injury results to a contestant, the referee has the power to permit a rest period up to three minutes at his discretion."

The new rule is similar to that in use in several other states, except that it cuts two minutes off the enforced rest period. Whether this new rule will eliminate or curtail foul fighting is a matter of conjecture. Personally, I am for the New York rule as it now stands. So long as a fighter is protected with the foul-proof cup, there is no reason for any rest period. However, it seems to me that either we follow the procedure in vogue in Canada and in England, whereby a fouled fighter is automatically declared the winner through the disqualification of his opponent, or we should follow the New York code, where no fouls are recognized.

The GAY and FESTIVE

"YOU coves can have all the fun and sport you like here, but don't get rough and try to rob anyone in my place."

This was old honest Harry Hill's usual warning to all suspicious looking, crude characters who dropped into his famous boxing and vaudeville resort for a night's lark, with more or less larceny in their minds, could they get a chance to trim some boozy sucker.

"During the whole thirty years I've run this place, nobody was ever robbed or gypped out of a dollar," Hill often proudly declared to the writer.

"I've held probably a million dollars in stakes and bets on big fights, national elections and other contests and the winners always got their money in full—every bloomin' shilling of it."

The popular old sporting resort stood on the corner of Houston and Crosby Streets in New York and was undoubtedly the most famous place of its kind in America. There you would see some of the most distinguished men in the country, quite frequently hobnobbing with some ordinary pugilist or some comical Bowery character. They laughed, chattered and drank the flowing champagne together as if they were the greatest of pals.

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I REMEMBER seeing Theodore Roosevelt and Chester A. Arthur enjoying boxing bouts at Hill's, while at the next table sat three of the most notorious bank burglars in the Nation. Little did I think then that both Roosevelt and Arthur would become presidents of the United States. Nor did I imagine that a week later the same cracksmen would rob the Manhattan Bank of about $1,000,000.

But one was likely to meet all sorts of people at the old resort—Naval admirals, Army generals, Wall Street magnates, presidents of great colleges, British dukes, lords and other noblemen, celebrated actors, and big and little champions in almost every sport—all mingling with Bowery bums, Broadway sharpshooters, big bank-roll gamblers and artful con men.

New York's Gas-Lit Life. Scenes in Harry Hill's famous Night Club.

It certainly was a most democratic gathering without any question of caste, race, creed, social standing or wealth. Liberal millionaires like George Law, James Gordon, Lawrence Jerome, George Gould and others staked struggling boxers to many a fat bankroll. They were most generous.

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IT was at Harry Hill's that John L. Sullivan really came into prominence by knocking out Steve Taylor in three dazzling fast rounds. I saw old Jem Mace—the pastmaster of them all—Billy Edwards, Joe Coburn, Joe Goss, Johnny Dwyer, Jim Dunne and a host of other champions and near champs display their clever fistic tactics at the old resort.

Kelly and Murphy, a very snappy team, used to box about four rounds most every night. They put up such a flashy, dashy, slambang bout, that many strangers imagined they were fighting furiously. So realistic were their fireworks that between the rounds these strangers would shower them with all kinds of money. It was a great act for Kelly and Murphy and quite interesting for the merry mob that enjoyed those thrilling meets.

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AT one time Hill was reputed to be worth almost one million dollars, most of which he invested in hotels and steamboats in and around Flushing, Long Island. He lost thousands of dollars. Then came his row with Police Captain Murphy over "protection money." Hill charged the police with levying blackmail upon him, which finally led to the closing of the famous resort after a bitter political and police rumpus.

Hill, with very little of his fortune left, endeavored to retrieve his loss by opening up a cafe, only to be hounded and closed down by that "secret power" that follows those who antagonize the police. After a desperate struggle for existence, he passed away, flat broke in spirit and finance on August 27, 1896, at Corona, Long Island.

He was known in every nook and corner of America where sportsmen gathered, especially so, in boxing circles.

BOXING RESORTS

Where All Comers Enjoyed Rattling Fights and Other Amusements in "Old New York"

By SAM AUSTIN

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THE old fistic fans who fancied blood and thunder slugging combats, always dropped into Owney Geoghegan's rough and ready place on the Bowery where, for a five-cent beer, one could witness a half dozen or more so-called "sparring bouts," which was a mild name indeed for those hammer and tongs battering battles.

Geoghegan, in his prime, was quite a fiery bare-knuckle slugger and a rough-and-tumble fighter outside the ring as well. He always insisted that all the boxers who performed in his place for the edification of his patrons, should fight like demons.

"See here, you blokes," I often heard him yell to boxers waiting in their corners for the call of "time!" (there was no bell in the old days), "I don't want any fancy light sparring, do ya hear? I want you mugs to fight like hell or yer don't get a damned cent."

Harry Hill, owner of the most widely-known gathering place of the sporting elite in the Old New York.

And how those poor, battered-up, half punchdrunk, hungry, goofy pugs would tear in at each other like wild men, slugging, scuffling, smashing away until they were smeared with blood and exhausted. All for generally $2.50 each.

I remember one game little Englishman, Joe Fowler, hardly a featherweight in poundage, who must have fought at least one thousand conflicts in Geoghegan's place alone, during the many years he hung out there. This poor, dilapidated, battle-scarred veteran was a most pitiful sight, with badly broken nose, fearful cauliflowered ears, deaf as a stone and hardly able to see. He was willing and anxious for an opportunity to fight and invariably took a murderous beating.

"It's a shame to allow that poor little fellow to fight any more," said a wealthy member of the New York A.C. to Geoghegan, as he slipped Fowler a ten spot.

"How da hell can I stop 'im when he keeps begging me to put 'im on all the time? Why if he didn't keep scrapping he'd curl up and die. That's his only graft and pleasure."

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BUT not all the pugilistic talent were of Fowler's type. At the old Bowery resort, among those who boxed there were Jem Carney, lightweight champion of England, who fought Jack McAuliffe a 74-round tough draw, Tug Wilson who tricked John L. Sullivan at the old Madison Square Garden by flopping down about 30 times without being hit in a four-round contest and William Sheriff "The Prussian." Then there were Dick Hollywood, featherweight champion of England, Patsy Marley, George Rooke, Joe Coburn, heavyweight champion of America; Billy Madden; George Siler, afterward a noted referee; Jim Fell, Jack Hopper, Sam Collyer, Arthur Chambers, Nobby Clark, Jack Burke, Pete McCoy, Jerry Barnett, Dooney Harris among a flock of other ace ringsters of the past.

"How many bouts have you pulled off at your place?" I asked Owney shortly before he closed down his "sluggery."

"That's darn hard to figure out," he answered, trying to estimate how many. "Probably about 10,000. At least for many years I've kept the joint banging away night and day."

This may seem rather an exaggeration to those who never spent a gay and festive evening at the old Bowery fistic resort. However, when one considers that Geoghegan had one ring on the main floor and another on the second in which there was almost constant fistic action, it appears a quite plausible estimate. It surely was a mint for the tough, hard-boiled proprietor.

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BILLY McGLORY'S Armory Hall on Hester Street, just west of the Bowery, in the 80s and early 90s, was a topsy-turvy emporium. What furious and humpty-dumpty fights took place there, in

Owney Geoghegan, noted Old New York politician, pugilist, and dive owner.

and out of the ring, generally after midnight!

What high-kicking fantastic dancing among the giddy gals, frisky Bowery boys and other gay pleasure seekers who were out for an all-night jamboree or a free-for-all fracas!

Quite a mob of the old punched-out *(Continued on page* 35)

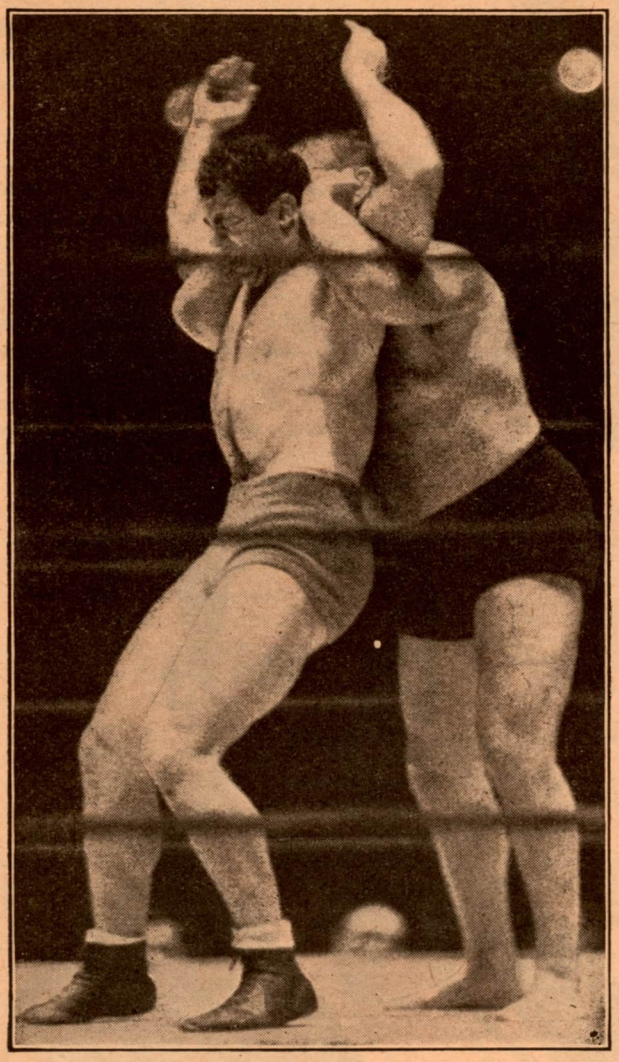
NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By "STANLEY"

FEW men have made more money from sports than Joe Savoldi, former Notre Dame football great, and later a topnotch wrestler. Joe figures he has grossed close to $300,000 as a wrestler since he entered the mat game in 1931. As a pro football player with the great Chicago Bears, he earned a small fortune.

Savoldi feels he owes something to the wrestling game, so he is now touring the nation with the idea of reviving the sport. Wherever he wrestles, a sell-out is assured and the fans yell for more of the famous Savoldi color.

When asked, who was the greatest wrestler of all time,



Ed Strangler Lewis shown with a full Nelson on Joe Savoldi. Both Lewis and Savoldi are back in action.

Jumpin' Joe replied, "Ed Strangler Lewis. He was the only opponent I ever feared."

Savoldi has met the best wrestlers of the past generation. In 1933 he won the heavyweight championship from Jim Londos at Chicago, and lost it to Jim Browning two years later in New York. During the war Joe served in Italy doing counter espionage work. Now we welcome him back to the sport he did so much to popularize.

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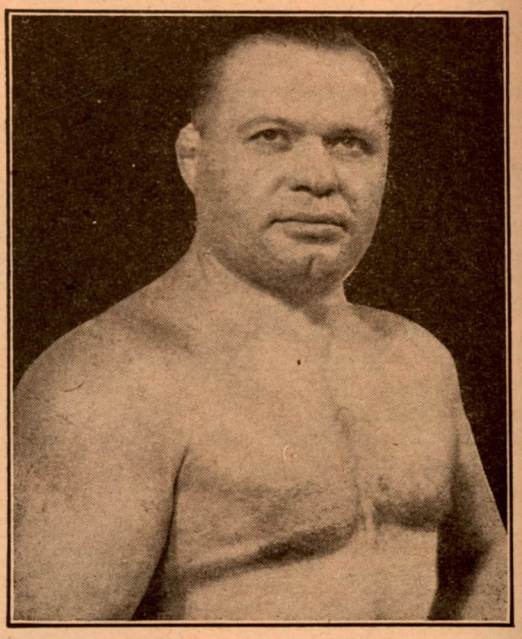
Henri DeGlane has returned to this country from his native France, and is campaigning throughout New England. Henri,



John Grandovich who passed away recently.

a good wrestler, is a welcomed addition to the New England mat clan.

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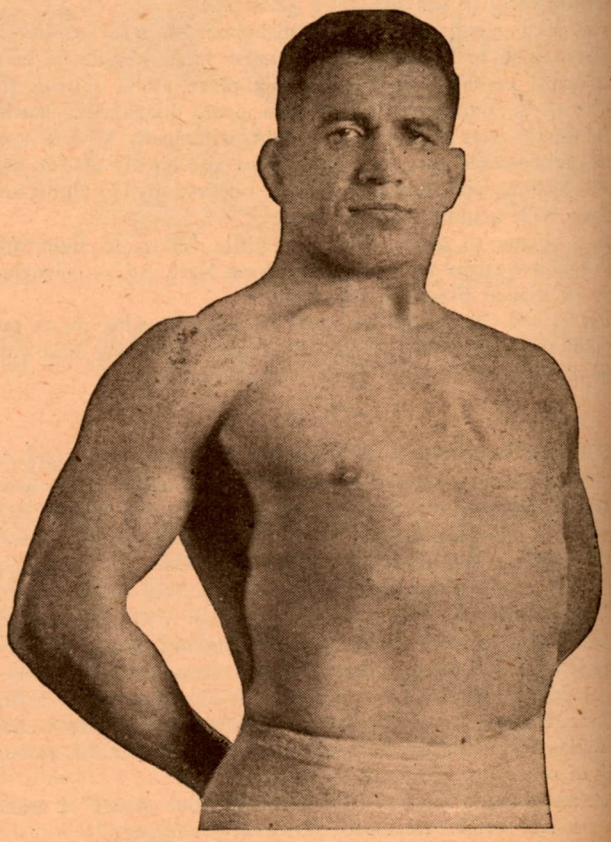
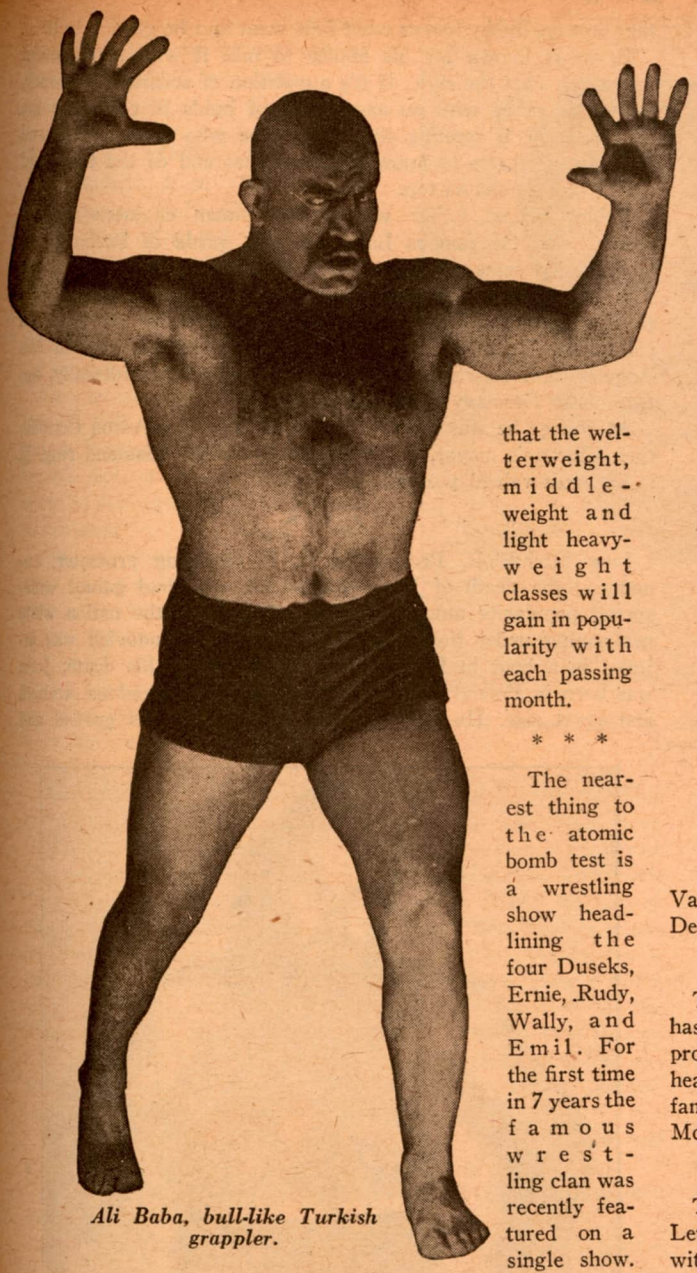
During recent years wrestlers in the lighter divisions have forged to the front. As in boxing, patrons realize that lighter men can give a much faster exhibition than the 250 pounders. In Detroit, Bull Montana and Walter Roxy are headlining shows while heavyweights are in the preliminaries. We predict



Ray Steele, a veteran who is still at it.



Ali Baba, bull-like Turkish grappler.

that the welterweight, middleweight and light heavyweight classes will gain in popularity with each passing month.

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The nearest thing to the atomic bomb test is a wrestling show headlining the four Duseks, Ernie, Rudy, Wally, and Emil. For the first time in 7 years the famous wrestling clan was recently featured on a single show. The big event took place in New York and the fans loved it. Whenever showmanship and color are the topic, the brothers Dusek head the list.

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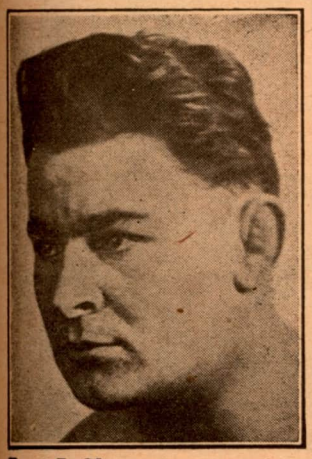

Henri DeGlane, now campaigning around New England.

IVAN RASPUTIN, the hairy Russian bear, is performing in New England, where he is well liked and always provides an exciting evening for the patrons. Rasputin has been wrestling on the Pacific coast for a number of years, where his style was very popular. Eastern fans welcome this colorful matman.

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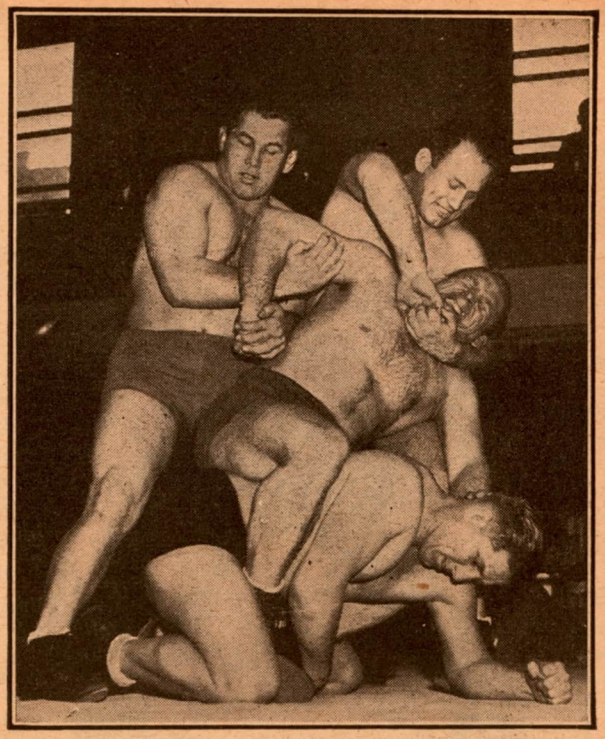
Buffalo is supporting the mat game with capacity houses. Such stars as Billy Watson, Kaye Belle, Jim (Goon) Henry, Fred Von Schacht, Billy Hensen, Gene



The Dusek family in training—A quartet of the toughest, roughest grapplers in captivity. On the bottom of the group is Emil and above him is Rudy, the king of the wrestling brothers. Joe is trying to "strangle" Rudy and Ernie is trying to break Rudy's wrist. Just one big happy family!

Valois, Sandy O'Donnell, Lee Henning, Pat Fraley, and Pierre DeGlane are providing the action.

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Turning to the other side of the nation, Portland, Oregon, has gone overboard for wrestling. Sell-out houses greet the promoters and many good wrestlers are packing their grips and heading for the Pacific Northwest. At the present time Oregon fans are viewing Ted Cox, King Kong, Jack Claybourne, Jack McDonald, Chief Thunderbird, Jerry Meeker, and Bob Kruse.

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The big news of the month is the return of Ed "Strangler" Lewis and Ray Steele to the mat. Both these veterans are rated with the best wrestlers of all time and their return to the wars is most welcome news to fans both new and old.

Speaking of the Strangler, in a recent interview he stated that the only way to restore wrestling to its old-time high level, is to return to the old style "shooting" wrestling matches. Contests of skill and not mere exhibitions that depend on beards and beef. He also advocates a single champion, recognized throughout the country.

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We agree with Lewis on the proposal of a single champion, but we believe that wrestling fans of today are used to speed and color in a match. They will not stand for a bout where a single hold may be applied for one half hour or longer. In his prime, Ed Strangler Lewis would clamp a headlock on his opponent and squeeze him into submission. Sometimes this operation took 40 minutes and the crowd became restless. It was good wrestling, we admit, but what the fans go for most is the action.

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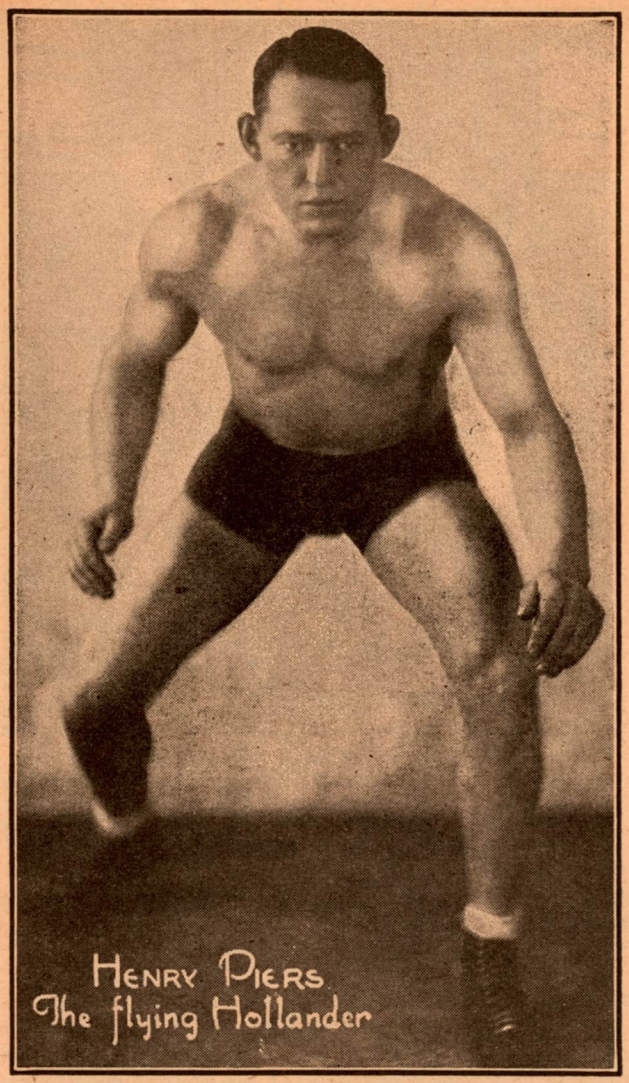
ALI BABA, colorful Turkish wrestler, has returned to the mat wars at the age of 40 and hopes to remain active for many more years. In a special interview in THE RING office, Ali Baba stated that a wrestler's most important asset is good legs and that ever since he was a boy of fourteen, he has taken special Turkish leg exercises to get in trim.

Baba was very proud to say that no one will ever have to give



Henry Piers, Dutch wrestler who has returned to the mat wars.

a benefit for him as he has purchased a large orange grove in California and also has a great part of his pre-war earnings tucked away in banks.

When asked why he decided to return to the ring, with plenty to take care of him for the rest of his life, the mighty Turk replied, "To help the promoters who were so good to me when I needed help, especially Toots Mondt."

He also believes that old time matmen, like himself, can teach the youngsters, now entering the game, some of the old tricks and science of wrestling so as to enable them not to be wholly dependent upon brute strength and mustaches to put themselves across to the public.

To illustrate his belief in old Turkish exercises, Ali Baba uses his 11-year-old son as a pupil. Young Ali has a 38-inch chest and a 23-inch thigh while tipping the scales at 140 pounds. Papa makes Junior take the same exercises he does every morning and believes that when he grows up, he will be one of the most powerful men in the world and also the pride and joy of Turkey.

THE RING wishes Ali Baba the best of luck in his return to wrestling and believes that his color and showmanship will do a great deal to help the sport return to its old high level.

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KNOWN as the German Apollo, Bobby Bruns is back in New York rings. Bobby stands six feet two inches tall and is strong as a bull. He is an ideal wrestler from the wrestling fan's point of view, as he has everything necessary to please them in addition to good looks. His clean style and cleverness has won him a large following in every sector of the country. Bobby knows what fans want and he gives it to them.

Bruns is known for his ability to mix it with his opponent no matter what the style. If it's a question of scientific mat work, Robert is ready with an assortment of holds that surprise the crowd. If he is meeting the rough type who likes to slug and kick, Bruns seems to know all about that end of the trade and usually comes out on top.

Bobby Bruns' father was a well-known engineer and his mother was the famous Lotta Gunther, pride of Berlin opera. The family came to America soon after the outbreak of the first World War and made their home in Chicago. Bobby went to Northwestern University and the University of Southern California. He made the 1932 Olympics, held that year in Los Angeles, and starred on the water polo team. Incidentally, his team beat Germany's best group.

At college he was a master wrestler. The late Anton Cermak, then Chicago's mayor, presented Bobby with a diamond ring. It is his most valued possession.

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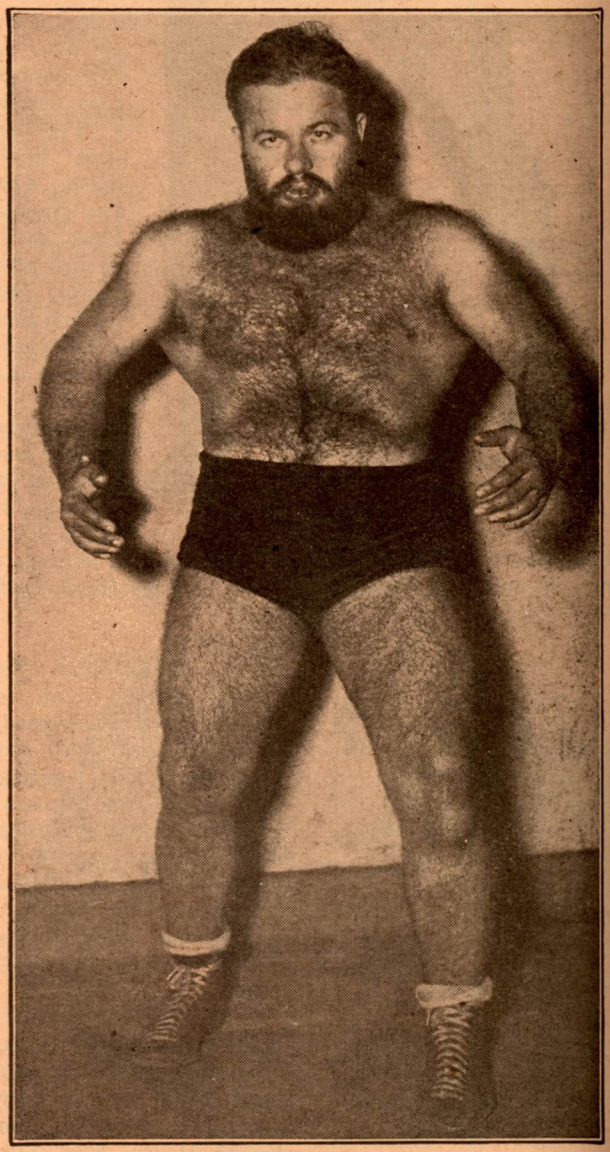
Ivan Michaeloff, Providence, R. I. wrestling promoter, announced the death of John Grandovich, who had gained widespread popularity among mat fans throughout the nation while performing under the name of Red Wolf. Grandovich was injured in a bout in Baltimore one week before his death. John was born in Poland and was known for his tremendous strength and great size. He stood 6 feet 4 inches off the ground and



Ivan Rasputin, hairy Russian, who is always good for an exciting evening.

scaled 265 pounds. John often rendered his opponent unconscious by clamping him in a bear hug.

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HENRY PIERS, the serious matman from Holland, is back again and now working around New England. Henry is a fine wrestler who relies on ability and speed to pin his opponents' shoulders to the mat. Fans like his clean style and because of that he has gained wide popularity.

Born in Haarlem, Holland, January 14, 1908, Henry led an adventurous boyhood while accompanying his dad on several fishing voyages. At the age of 12, he won an appointment to the Royal Dutch Naval Academy. Two years later Piers quit the Naval Academy and joined the merchant marine. While in that service he traveled all over the world on his nation's ships. During his spare moments he started wrestling with his shipmates and when he arrived back in Holland he participated in amateur matches.

On his last trip as a seaman, Piers landed in New York. This was in 1926. He boarded a train for Detroit to look up an uncle. He landed a job in the Motor City as a mechanic in a brass works foundry but soon quit that for the cleaner position of a bank teller.

He continued his amateur grappling which finally led him to the heavyweight championship of Michigan. His mother country, hearing of his great success, prevailed upon him to represent her in the 1928 Olympics. Heeding the call, Henry sailed for Holland. He met and defeated the finest talent of all the European nations and finally was matched with Ed Don George for the Olympic title. He surprised everyone by pinning the ex-Michigan football star, who later went on to become professional heavyweight champion of the world.

In 1929 Piers returned to the new world, where he met and married Barbara Christina Knabel, a native of Austria.

In 1933 he turned professional and to this day has remained victorious in 95 percent of his matches.

He follows the Greco-Roman style of wrestling and is a master of all holds, fearless and a showman extraordinary. His favorite holds are equally divided between the half-nelson and the flying body scissors, the hold made famous by Joe Stetcher, one of the greatest champions.

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A NEWCOMER is 260 pound 6 feet 1 inch tall Bob Herman. Known in wrestling circles as the "wrestling engineer," because of his profession, Herman is gaining in popularity everywhere he performs.

A graduate of Tufts University, he spent one year in India as a technical advisor to the 20th Air Force Bomber Command. A clean cut lad, he is what wrestling needs to get away from the freaks of the trade who depend upon making faces at each other.

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In San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz has a good troupe of wrestlers including Vincent Lopez, Bronko Nagurski, Hans Schnabel, Sandor Szabo, Steve Casey, and Dutch Heffner. Malcewicz is meeting with success in his promotions as he knows how to put on a well-balanced show. The patrons come back every time. At present Lopez is the ace out California way and is being built up for a pay off bout with Nagurski.

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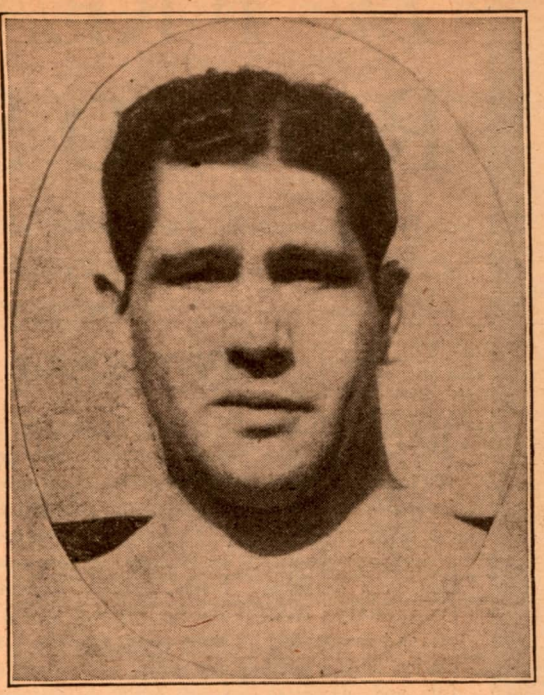
THE RING has recently compiled a complete line of wrestlers' photographs, size 8 x 10. We have photos of every star wrestler past and present, which may be purchased for $1.25 per photo. Ideal for den and barroom decoration.



Vincent Lopez, who is going well on the Pacific Coast.

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Houston, Texas, has taken the mat game to its heart. Men currently performing in that beautiful city are Buddy Rogers, Leo Numa, Leroy McGuirk, Bobby Wagner, Tarzan White, Danno O'Mahony, Frank Taylor and Don Evans. Promoter Morris Siegel has been putting on fine shows and is bringing the finest talent to his city.

In a recent Houston bout, billed for the Texas heavyweight title, Buddy Rogers and Leo Numa were to meet in the best two out of three falls. Rogers refused all referees with the exception of our old pal, Paul Boesch.

Now it just so happened that former Army Officer Boesch was to meet Leroy McGuirk in the semi-final, and refereeing the main go would mean double duty for him. But Paul, always willing to please both his fans and his wrestling mates, agreed to this unusual request and everyone was happy.

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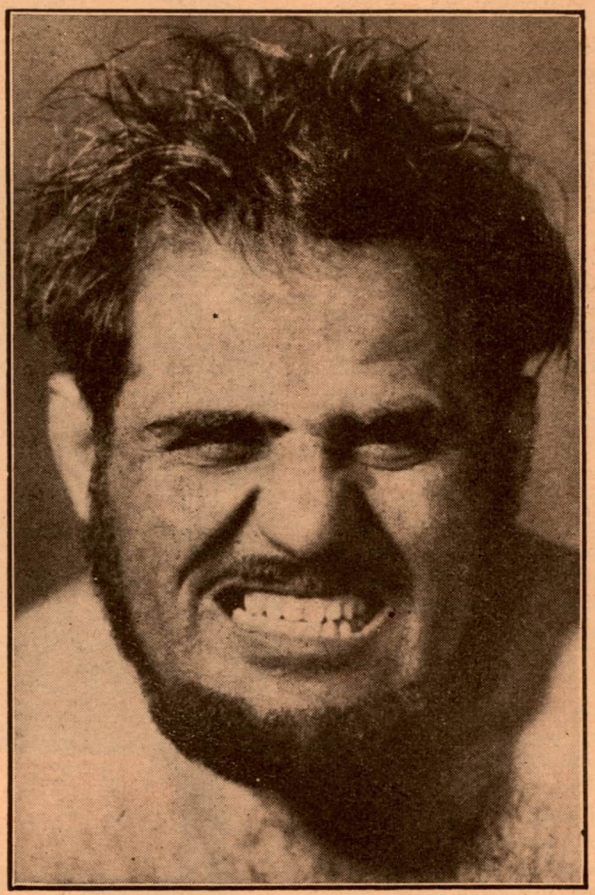
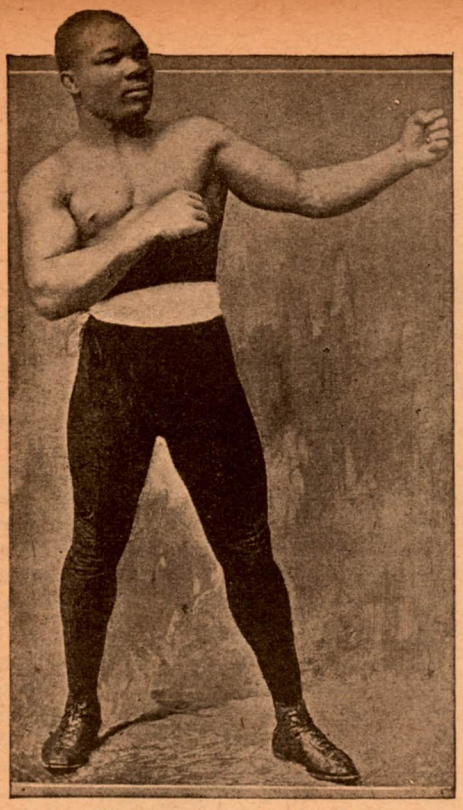
Prof. Jack Robinson, South African Judo, Jiu Jitsu and wrestling expert, informs us that his handsome son Joe won the South African national heavyweight Judo championship and Cumberland wrestling championship *(Continued on page 35)*



King Kong, a rough matman, who is a good attraction. He is now showing in the Pacific Northwest.



Joe Walcott, the Barbados Demon.

The FREAKS *of the* ROPED SQUARE

Bob Fitzsimmons, Joe Walcott, and Young Griffo Frequently Gave Away Weight in Making Matches—Never Bothered About Size or Heft of Opponent

By GEORGE T. PARDY

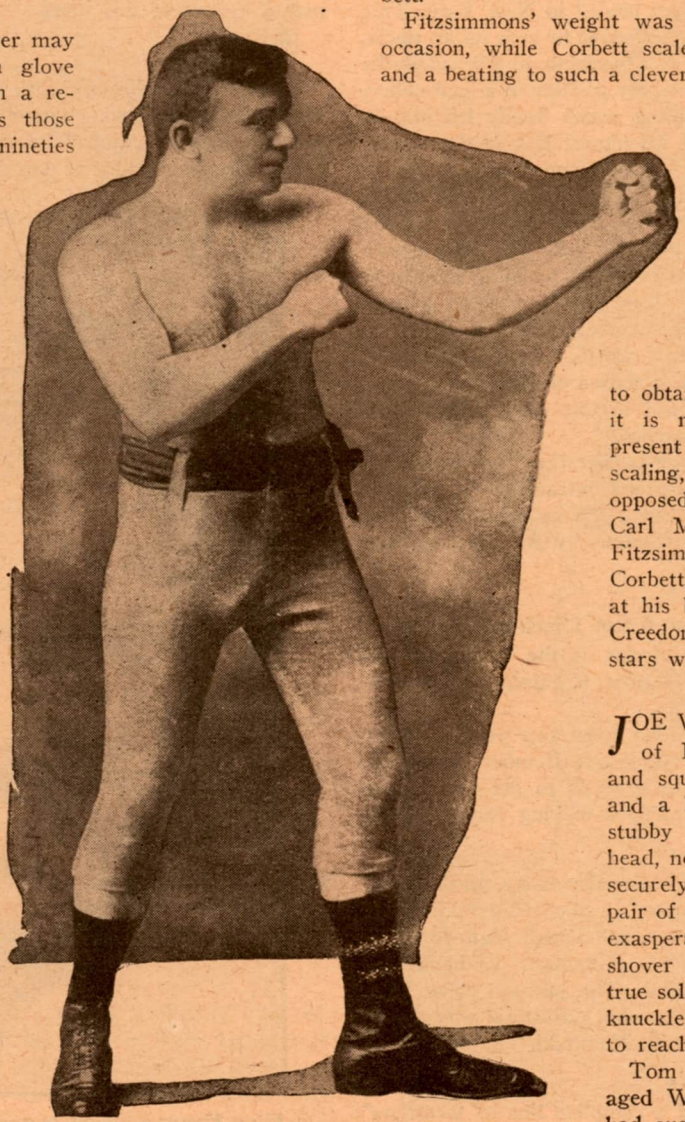
WHETHER our fighters of today compare favorably in prowess with those of a bygone generation, is a question frequently discussed in sporting circles and argued for and against with much enthusiasm. But it is pretty generally agreed that, whatever may be the merits of our modern glove artists, we cannot point to such a remarkable trio of performers as those extraordinary stars of the late nineties—Messrs. Bob Fitzsimmons, Joe Walcott and "Young" Griffo. Both Fitz and Walcott were physical freaks and owed much of their success to their peculiar build.

Many an unfortunate slugger was tempted to rate lanky Bob cheap because of the freckled one's attenuated underpinning. For it certainly looked as though no man handicapped by such a pair of nether extremities could hope to stand up under the strain of a bruising mill. Fitz's partially bald head, poorly thatched with red bristles, his loose under-lip and somewhat vacant grin, were all characteristics which helped to create the illusion that Freckled Bob was intended by Nature for the sucker role of a lamb led to pugilistic sacrifice.

Yet a more dangerous and effective fighting machine than Fitzsimmons never operated within a roped enclosure. It was not only that his punches, shot from a surprisingly short distance, carried force enough to fell the proverbial ox, but the craft which simmered in that curiously sloping skull was of a quality unsurpassed in its way and destined to mark the owner as a ring general of the highest order. Fitz's cunning was never more in evidence than on the eventful St. Patrick's day, 1897, when he knocked out Jim Corbett and annexed the title of world's heavyweight champion.

To an uneducated eye, it looked in the early stages of that battle as though Corbett was winning hands down. Fitz was bleeding freely, took a long count in the sixth round after being floored, and his general appearance was that of a man hammered into a state of grogginess, and merely staving off the finish by dogged gameness. For all that, as subsequent events proved, Fitz's iron frame knew no fatigue, and when he seemed to be at his worst he was really calculating in cool, methodical fashion how long it would take him to wear down the impetuous and brilliant Corbett.

Fitzsimmons' weight was announced as 167 pounds on that occasion, while Corbett scaled at 183. To give sixteen pounds and a beating to such a clever exponent of the art fistic as James J. Corbett was a feat which alone would have entitled Fitzsimmons' name to a leading place in the hall of pugilistic fame. Fitz was used to fighting under heavy weight handicaps, for after his defeat of Jack Dempsey there was no one left in the middle division worthy of coping with him, and he had to ascend a class higher in order to obtain matches. It may be argued that it is not an uncommon thing for our present heavyweights to encounter odds in scaling, as witness Gunboat Smith when opposed to monsters of the Willard and Carl Morris brand. But remember that Fitzsimmons had for opponents, besides Corbett, such men as Peter Maher, when at his best; Joe Godfrey, Jem Hall, Dan Creedon, Tom Sharkey, etc., a galaxy of stars whose equal we cannot find today.



Young Griffo, the Will-o'-the-Wisp of the Squared Circle.

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JOE WALCOTT was the very antithesis of Fitzsimmons in appearance. Short and squatty, measuring just five feet one and a half inches, from the soles of his stubby hoofs to the crown of his kinky head, no neck to speak of, his chin nestling securely under the guard of an enormous pair of shoulders, Walcott was an intensely exasperating problem for an ambitious mitt-shover to solve. His skull possessed the true solidity of his race, and many was the knuckle smashed thereon in the attempt to reach the Walcott jaw.

Tom O'Rourke, who trained and managed Walcott in the latter's palmy days, had such faith in the abnormal black that

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The First Louis-Conn Fight Reconstructed

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missed a right to the body. They sparred for several seconds before exchanging lefts to the head.

Louis hooked a left to the body but Conn returned both hands to the face. Louis dug a right to the body and Conn came back to shoot several lefts and rights to the head. Louis missed a left for the face. Conn sent a left to the body. Louis was wild with a left for the face.

Eighth Round—Conn was short with a left for the face. Conn hooked a left to the head and Louis drove both hands to the face. In close, Conn landed a left and right to the body. Louis sent a long left hook to the head. Conn missed a right chop for the face. Louis took a left to the ribs. Conn rammed a left to the face and followed by throwing both hands to the head in a steady stream. He staggered the champion with a well-placed right to the chin.

Conn drove a right to the face. He dug his left into the body and then drove both hands to the head. Conn shook Louis with a left hook to the face just as the bell rang.

Ninth Round—Conn was short with a right for the head. Conn said to Louis during an exchange, "Look out, Joe." Louis advanced toward the challenger, but was received with a barrage of lefts and rights to the face. Conn ripped two rights to the body.

Conn landed a hard left to the face. Conn sent a right chop to the chin. As they traded light lefts to the face Conn hooked a left to the body and took a right to the body. They traded lefts to the face. Conn drove both hands to the head and hooked a left to the body.

Tenth Round—Louis jabbed a left to the face. Louis jabbed two lefts to the face and shot a right to the body. Conn hooked a left to the head. Louis landed a left to the head. Louis landed a left to the head and a right to the chin. Joe landed a left to the chin and Conn held.

Conn shot a left to the body and then sent his left to the face. In his corner Conn slipped and fell but was up without a count. Conn ripped a left to the face and pounded the body with both hands. Louis sent several short lefts and rights to the head. They stood toe to toe and traded freely, with Conn landing the most punches.

Eleventh Round—Conn was short with a left for the face. Louis landed a short right to the head. The champion ripped two lefts to the body and crossed a right to the head. At close range, Conn threw both hands to the body. The challenger forced Joe to hold to avoid punches. Louis sent Conn's head back with a right to the chin. Conn landed a left hook to the face.

Louis forced Conn into a corner, but the challenger dashed away. In midring Conn swarmed over Louis and hit the champion with every punch in the book. Louis could do little but hold. Conn hooked a left to the chin at the bell.

Round Twelve—Louis landed a right on the head and took a left on the jaw. Louis rammed a left to the face, but Billy came back with a flurry of hooks. Louis got a hard left hook to the face, opening a cut under Conn's right eye. Conn continued to outscore Louis, finally staggering the Negro with a left hook to the jaw. Conn pursued Louis around the ring, scoring with lefts and rights. Louis was in trouble and it was Conn's round by a wide margin.

Round Thirteen—Between rounds Jack Blackburn held ammonia under Louis's nose. Conn scored with a one-two punch, landing a right on Louis's ear. Louis jabbed Conn on the nose, drawing blood. Conn waded in with a left to the stomach. Louis landed a left to the face and followed with a hard right. Louis landed three hard rights to Conn's jaw, but Billy came back and outslugged him in a savage exchange. Louis whirled in with a right to the head and Conn staggered.

A right uppercut snapped Billy's head back. Louis landed lefts and rights to the head. Joe drove with left and right to head and Billy dropped as if shot. He was counted out. He got up just after the completion of the count. The time was 2:58.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

By BUS BURKE

THE March 8 Hans Bernstein promotion at Kiel Auditorium in which Phil Terranova hammered out a unanimous 10-round decision over Jimmy Joyce, was most joyfully received by the 5,933 paying guests who left $13,840.40 at the box office. Terranova as usual was the master. Complete results of the March 8th card are as follows:

Main event—Phil Terranova, 129, New York, outpointed Jimmy Joyce, 131½, Gary, Indiana, in ten rounds with Jimmy Parker as referee.

Semiwindup—Eddie Lander, 133, Chicago, defeated Stanley Cieslik, 134, Detroit, in eight rounds on decision. Sullivan, referee.

Preliminaries—Fred Latson, 129, St. Louis, decisioned Butch Maxwell, 128, Gary, Ind., in six rounds. Sullivan, referee. Ted Nichols, 181½, Cincinnati, outpointed Jimmy Fields, St. Louis, 194, in six rounds. Herb Kranz, referee. Gene McGovern, 149, St. Louis, and Johnny Tabbs, 153, St. Louis, fought a four-round draw.

A total of 688 fans contributed to a "gate" of $688.09 for Lou Wallach's show on March 11. Results of the card are as follows:

Main event—Art Cooper, 131, St. Louis, knocked out Rocky Protane, 129, Indianapolis, in the second of a scheduled eight-rounder. Armstrong, referee.

Preliminaries—Curtis Smith, 135, E. St. Louis, Ill., outpointed Iggy Paige, 139, St. Louis, in four rounds. Ray Palmer, referee. Nick Sanders, 121, St. Louis, defeated Charley Stacker, E. St. Louis, Ill., 125, by decision in four rounds. Dick Young, referee. Johnny Tabb, St. Louis, 154, knocked out A. B. Bartlett, St. Louis, 159, in the third round. Palmer, referee. Jack Conway, St. Louis, 160, won with a T.K.O. over Rutherford Wallace, St. Louis, 159, in the third round. Young, referee. Ory Smith, St. Louis, 151, knocked out Hal Brandon, St. Louis, 145, in the second round. Palmer, referee.

Judges, Gene Farrell and Bob Dana.

The March 18 Palace Garden card promoted by Lou Wallach showed a very slight increase over the preceding week. The show grossed $853.10 and was attended by 624 of the faithful fans. Art Cooper, the latest St. Louis sensation, made it six wins in a row since coming home from the service by winning an eight-round decision over Artie Lewis (Chocolate Kid) from Akron, Ohio. Cooper won seven out of the eight rounds in the very one-sided fight. The results:

Art Cooper, St. Louis, 130, defeated Artie Lewis, Akron, Ohio, 122, in eight rounds. Tommy Sullivan, referee. Jimmy Williams, Chicago, 224, knocked out Art Birken, Akron, Ohio, 182, in the third of a scheduled sixer. Sullivan, referee. Johnny Tabbs, St. Louis, 148, outpointed Gene McGovern, Granite City, Ill., 148, in four rounds. Sullivan, referee. Jack Conway, St. Louis, 154, K.O.'ed Bill Wiggins, Columbus, Miss., 150, in the first round of a scheduled four-rounder. Johnny Kaiser, referee. Harold Wilson, Kansas City, 128, K.O.'ed Charley Stacker, East St. Louis, Ill., 129, in the first of a scheduled four-rounder. Kaiser, referee.

Judges, Bob Dana and Gene Farrell.

Lou Wallach's show on March 25 at the Palace Garden, was enthusiastically received. It featured Art Cooper of St. Louis versus Paulie Jackson of New York. Cooper was presented with the roundly booed decision. The results:

Main event—Art Cooper, St. Louis, 130, won decision over Paulie Jackson, New York, 131, in eight rounds. Bob Ingham, referee.

Semiwindup—Butch Maxwell, Gary, Ind., 125, outpointed Nick Sanders, St. Louis, 121, in six rounds. Ingham, referee.

Preliminaries—Curtis Smith, East St. Louis, 134, won decision over Harold Wilson, Kansas City, Mo., 129, in four rounds. Ingham, referee. Johnny Tabb, St. Louis, 148, outpointed Art Harrison, St. Louis, 147, in four. Herbert Kranz, referee. George Brandon, St. Louis, 145, won in four rounds over A. B. Bartlett, St. Louis, 150. Kranz, referee.

Judges, Bob Dana and Gene Farrell.

On April 1 Lou Wallach staged another show at the Garden with only 370 fans present and a gate of only $465.50. The results:

Feature event—Bob Fowler, 149, Chicago, outpointed Oscar Suggs, 149, Providence, R. I., in eight rounds. Tommy Sullivan, referee.

Semifinal—Johnny Crane, 160, Chicago, won on a T.K.O. over Jerry Marshall, 162, St. Louis, when Marshall suffered a badly cut left eye in the fourth round of a bout scheduled for six stanzas. Sullivan, referee.

Preliminaries—Ory Smith, 150, St. Louis, won a decision over Ted Weems, 145, Chicago, in four rounds. Johnny Kaiser, referee. Art Harrison, 147, St. Louis, defeated George Brandon, 144, St. Louis, in four rounds. Kaiser, referee. Henry Chuckoluck, 160, St. Louis, knocked out Jack Conway, 154, St. Louis, in the second round of a bout scheduled for four heats. Kaiser, referee.

Judges, Gene Farrell and Bob Dana.

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IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

By DANNY MYERS

HARRISBURG boxers have been quite active and most active of all, is Jess Moraney, who has been spelling disaster to his respective opponents in Baltimore, Philadelphia, Reading, and numerous other places.

Brown (Kid) Lee, 129-pounder, is also an active one, along with Bobby Waters, Joey Murphy, Jimmy Hill and Al Robinson. Red Fees is also doing a nice job. Although the redheaded one loses, he always gives the fans a run for their money.

At Reading, Pa., Promoter Harry Weill presented a whale of a show with Bobby Waters, 131, Harrisburg, being held to an eight-round draw by Matt Parker, 133, Camden, N. J.

Billy Proctor, 123, Harrisburg, recently discharged from the armed forces, won by a K.O. in 29 seconds of the third round from Billy Gibbons, 128, Clifton, N. J.

Al Robinson, 155, Harrisburg, who is another dischargee, won by a decision over Stanley Perock, 154, Pottsville, Pa., in four rounds. The semifinal ended in 44 seconds of the first stanza when Jack Coley, 175, Paterson, N. J., made short work of Roughhouse Finney, 183, Philadelphia, Pa.

Jess Moraney, Harrisburg, Pa., won a unanimous eight-round decision over the popular Johnny Walker, Philadelphia, Pa., at the Met before 3,191 fans who paid $3,554 to see the bouts. Moraney, at 153, and Walker, at 155, were evenly matched, but Walker could not cope with the onslaught of Moraney who is making a comeback since a layoff of about a year.

Lonnie Clark, 211, Philadelphia, was the winner over the aging Wally Sears, 187, Minersville, Pa. Jackie Lewis, 149, Philadelphia, scored a K.O. over Johnny (Red) Fees, 141½, Lebanon, Pa., in 2:53 of the fifth round.

Scranton is running shows and is drawing nice crowds and the writer invites the promoters of Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Hazelton, Reading, Allentown, and Norristown to send in the results of their shows to my home address at 3304 Spring Street, Harrisburg, Penna.

Bert Bertolini is promoting wrestling in Harrisburg, Reading and Philadelphia. Allie Frank, one-time boxing promoter of Harrisburg, is now in Pittsburgh, where he is making the wrestling matches for the Zivic-Frank combination. It is understood that the pair will be promoting boxing and wrestling shows throughout the nation. Zivic, the former world's welter champion, and Frank, the one-time globe-trotting bantam, are doing well in their new venture.

Harrisburg—Jess Moraney, 154½, Harrisburg, Pa., was a quick winner over Young "Kid" Robinson, 149, Philadelphia. The Kid was no match for Moraney.

Jess started after Robinson from the opening gong and in two minutes and fifteen seconds of the second round it was all over. This was a scheduled eight round, top windup bout.

The popular Billy Goodman, 162½, Philadelphia, Pa., kept sharp shooting his way. Through eight interesting rounds with Eddie Finazzo, 157, Baltimore, Md., Goodman made good use of a devastating right uppercut. Billy continually caught Finazzo with a left jab. In the sixth round, Finazzo was dropped for a count of eight. This was the best bout on the card.

In a special bout of six rounds, Gene Moraney, 143, Harrisburg, was declared the winner of a hotly contested bout over Billy Kelly, 143, Philadelphia. Moraney took an eight count when a terrific right to the button caught him coming in.

Wild Bill Dearing, 179, Harrisburg, and Freddie Lester, 180, Harrisburg, fought six slow rounds with neither boy landing or causing any damage.

Ducky Brown, 161, Harrisburg, stopped Al Robinson, 155, Steelton, in the fourth round. Dave Waters, 134, Harrisburg, made short work of Jimmy Green, 139, Philadelphia, when he stopped him at 2:30 of the second stanza.

At Hazelton, Pa., Joey Murphy, 146, Harrisburg, dropped a close decision to Charley Sabatelle, 145½, Dunmore, Pa. A low punch by Murphy was the deciding factor of the windup of eight rounds.

Brown "Kid" Lee, 126¾, Harrisburg, was stopped by Eddie West, 149, Philadelphia. Why bouts with so much weight differences can escape the scrutiny of the Boxing Commissioners is difficult to understand.

Bob Jacobs, 181, Philadelphia, made use of a good left jab against Billy Grant, 180, Orange, N. J., in an eight-round windup at Allentown to win the decision.

Al Johnson, 168, Washington, D. C., won by a K.O. in the fourth round of a scheduled six-round semi-final bout over Larry Russell, 172, New York. Stanley (Choo Choo) Derr, 165, Allentown, won a six-round decision from Ralph Leslie, 165, Philadelphia. Derr dropped Leslie in the fifth and sixth rounds for short counts.

Joe Falco beat Al Seidman in the eight-round windup bout at the Town Hall in Scranton.

Johnny Baker, former Golden Gloves Champion from Harrisburg, who served in the Navy during World War II is now a member of the Harrisburg Police Department. Steve Nitchie, former ring great from Lancaster, is a regular at all the boxing presentations in Harrisburg.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By DON HAMILL

ALL the clubs operating in Connecticut during the month showed to capacity houses, and in many cases hundreds were turned away. The New Haven Arena, with George Sheppard and Charlie Brown at the helm, is rapidly becoming one of the major clubs in New England. They had over $17,000 in the tills when Bob Montgomery, world's lightweight champion, fought Ernie Petrone. Bridgeport opened up again with Bobby Melnick doing the promoting. Here are the month's results:

New Britain—Stanley Arena—Tony Vero, 147, popular Stamford puncher, scored a ten-round decision over Larney Moore, 149, Valley Stream, L. I., in a repeat performance. Vero won in their first fight which, like their second, was an interesting contest. Bobby Garcia, 147, Baltimore, knocked out Artie Sheppard, 148, New York, in the final round of the six-round semi-final. In slated four-rounders: Eddie Roderick, 173, Norwich, looked impressive in stopping Sal Russo, 173, New York, in one heat, and Fred Coppolo, 137, Stamford, kayoed Sammy Meadows, 137, Port Chester.

Meriden—City Hall—Larry Russo, 165, New York, subbed for Lew Perez and went on to stop Tony Gillo, 162, New Haven, in the sixth round of the eight-round feature. A cut eye received in the second round necessitated halting the bout. It was an evenly waged slugging bee up to the time the bout was stopped. George Bonar, 190, New Haven, stopped Bob Webster, 190, New York, in the second round. Eddie O'Tash, 137, Bridgeport, decisioned Ernie Cabral, 135, New Haven, in a four-rounder.

Stamford—Columbus Hall—Jimmy Elliott, 165, Baltimore, punched out a dull eight-round decision over Johnny King, 160, New York Negro, before an estimated 1200 fans. Johnny Rice, 170, Stamford kayo artist, added another kayo to his long list by belting out Sonny Smith, 168, New York, in the fifth. Jimmy Thurman, 140, New York, knocked out Joe Jennings, 140, South Norwalk, in the second. In another four, Ray Issi, 155, New York, stopped Tony Berger, 150, New York, in the third. Denny McCabe, 143, New York, knocked out Johnny Sawyer, 143, New York Negro, in the first.

Hartford Auditorium—Al Pennino, 126½, New York, stopped Vinnie Vazzo, 129, Revere, Mass., in the seventh round. Vazzo was dropped in the first. He was slow and flat-footed throughout the fight and assimilated a terrific beating. Frank Vigeant, 143, Waterbury, again was forced all the way in winning over Milton Latimer, 144, Beacon, N. Y., in a six-rounder. Jimmy Farnum, 147, New Haven, scored a sudden kayo in the fifth frame of his bout with Teddy Mackin, 146, Hartford, after having been trailing badly. Joe Montiero, 131, Wareham, Mass., looked great in belting out Al Silverman, 138, New York, in the second. Tony "Tarzan" Cerruto, 145½, Bantam, and Jimmy Green, 148, New York Negro, slugged to a savagely fought draw in six rounds. Eddie Ahearn, 158, New York, stopped Billy Kowal, 159, Southington, in the second.

New Britain—Stanley Arena—Jimmy Wynn, 147, New York Negro, knocked out Vic Costa, 146, New York, in the third of the scheduled eight-round main event. Costa won the first round but was dropped in the second and again in the third for keeps. About 2500 attended. It was the largest crowd of the season. Dennis McCabe, 147, New York, knocked out Johnny Sawyer, 151, New York Negro, in the second. Don Ruggerio, 154, Yonkers, N. Y., drew with Bill Lauderman, 156, Essex, Conn., in six rounds. Billy Kowal, 158, Southington, won a four-round decision over Bobby Hicks, 158, Waterbury. Eddie Fox, 148, New York, stopped Billy Griffin, 145, New York, in the first round.

Stamford—Columbus Hall—Irish Patt Kitt, 128, New York, scored an upset in beating Rocky Progano, 128, Stamford, in the eight-round feature bout. It was an interesting mill throughout. Johnny Rice, 168, Stamford, scored another knockout, this time over Dave Carver, 164, New York, in the fourth. Ralph Coppolo, 155, Stamford, knocked out Danny Springer, 155, Stamford, in the first heat.

Bridgeport—K. of C. Hall—Tony Vero, 146, Stamford, had to come from behind to knock out Al Franklin, 145, New York, in the fifth. Two left hooks dropped Franklin for the count after he had piled up a comfortable margin in the four previous rounds. It was Vero's 17th kayo in 24 pro fights. It also marked the return of boxing to the Park City after an absence of four months. The undercard was made up of semi-pro bouts.

Hartford Auditorium—Dennis Pat Brady, 131, New York, was handed a soft one in Al Cella, 127, reported as from Seattle. Brady crossed over a right to the chin after a minute and a half of the first round to stretch Cella for the count. Ernie Griffin, 184, Tampa, Fla., Negro, now making his home in Hartford, banged out a convincing six-round win over Big Ben Benware, 235, New London. Bobby Holt, 146, Danbury, won a six-round decision over Willie Odom, 141, New York. Honeyboy Villa, 134, New York, was forced to halt in his bout with Joe Schultz, 131, New Britain, when he suffered a broken tooth and cut lip. Larry Whitney, 146, New York Negro, belted out Jack Garrity, 149, Hackensack, N. J., in the first of a six. Eddie Ahearn, 157, New York, stopped Rene Davis, 157, New York, in the first round of the curtain-raiser. Gross gate of $4255.35.

New Haven Arena—Bob Montgomery, 137¼, world's lightweight champion from Philadelphia, knocked out his fellow townsman, Ernie Petrone, 136½, in the fourth of their ten-round feature. After being outboxed in the first round, Montgomery belabored Petrone with a sizzling body attack to set him up for the kayo. Frank Foley, 140, New Haven, stopped Eddie Patton, 141, Philadelphia, in the second of the semi-final. Charles "Kid" Chaney, 161, Baltimore, flattened Lew Perez, 158, Puerto Rico, in a minute and a half. Bobby Garcia, Jr., 147, Baltimore, edged out Henry Holt, 150, Danbury Negro, in a close six-rounder. Joe DeMartino, 148, Bridgeport, beat Tiger Nelson, 148, New York, in the six-round opener. Over $17,000 filled the tills.

Stamford—Columbus Hall—Tony Vero, 149, Stamford, took a close eight-round decision from Milt Latimer, 146, Beacon, N. Y., Negro. Latimer piled up a lead with his counter-punching in the early rounds, but Vero finished with a bristling attack to offset the Negro boy's lead. Jimmy Thurman, 147, New York, won via a T.K.O. when Art Sheppard, 152, New York, was unable to answer the bell for the fifth round due to a badly cut eye. Mickey Santisero, 150, Stamford, and Dan Ruggiero, 152, New York, went four rounds to a draw. Fred Cappola, 138, Stamford, stopped Cy Mussanello, 140, Stamford, in the first. Fred Rufus, 148, Stamford, knocked out Ralph Cappola, 146, Stamford, in the fourth.

New Britain—Stanley Arena—Russ Baxter, 160, New Castle, Pa., won with ease over Johnny King, 156, New York Negro, in their ten-rounder. The bout was slow and uninteresting, although Baxter tried to make a fight of it. Bobby Garcia, 146, Baltimore, decisioned tough Jackie Conners, 150, Newark Negro, in the six-round semi-final. In another six, Ralph Costello, 139, New York, defeated Don Murphy, 136, New Rochelle, N. Y. In one, Johnny Bell, 142, New Britain, finally defeated Carey Mace, 143, Hartford. This was their sixth meeting with all five previous encounters ending in draws.

Bridgeport—K. of C. Hall—Georgie Wright, 126, Newark, N. J., outpointed Al Cella, 122, New York, in a six-round slugging match. Wright proved more clever than his adversary and won clearly. In the six-round co-feature, Jerry Darby, 132, Jamaica, knocked out Honeyboy Villa, 135, Jersey City Negro, in the fifth of their battle.

Hartford Auditorium—Baby Face Al Pennino, 127, New York, stopped Leo LeBrun, 125, Sherbrooke, Can., in the fifth round. LeBrun fought in spurts but for the most part received a drubbing from his taller foe. A near riot ensued when LeBrun's manager climbed into the ring unnoticed by both fighters and the referee. He attempted to push Pennino away from his fighter and Al, mistaking his actions, started to throw punches at the manager. In a few seconds the ring was filled with handlers, police and fans, all throwing punches. The mêlée lasted about five minutes. Georgie Humes, 156, East Hartford, edged out Bat Stroud, 157, Tampa, Fla., to be one up in their series. Tony Cerruto, 145, Bantam, knocked out Jim Della, 145, Bridgeport, in the fifth of a six. Eddie O'Tash, 139, Bridgeport, stopped Eddie Reardon, 136, Hartford, in the third of their bout. Tony Roberts, 127, Toronto, scored over Joe Schultz, 126, New Britain, in six rounds. Jim Brady, 125, Knoxville, Tenn., was awarded a T.K.O. over Al Tate, 126, Norwich, when the latter suffered a cut eye in the first round.

New Britain—Stanley Arena—Al Velez, 141, Valley Stream, L. I., won an eight-round decision over Jimmy Wynn, 145½, New York Negro. The southpaw Velez won handily, taking six of the eight rounds. In the semi-final, Jimmy Green, 148, New York Negro, decisioned Gabby Poulin, 145, New Britain, in six rounds. Dennis McCabe, 137, New York, knocked out Ralph Mack, 134, Boston, in the first round. Billy Kowal, 157, Southington, belted out Arthur Biggs, 155, Annapolis, Md., in the first. Ray McArthur, 138, Middletown, drew with Henry Polowitzer, 134, East Hartford.

Stamford—Columbus Hall—Johnny Rice, 172, Stamford, added another victim to his long kayo list by belting out Willie Parker, 176, Yonkers, N. Y., in the first round. Ralph Costello, 140, New York, got the nod over Johnny Mazza, 138, Port Chester, N. Y., in the six-round semi-final. Joe Jennings, 148, South Norwalk, decisioned Morris Elliott, 147, Stamford, in one four-rounder. In another, Kid Griffin, 145, New York, drew with Ray Izzi, 150, New York.

Hartford Auditorium—Tony Falco, 144, Middletown, making his first start since being discharged from the Army, scored an eight-round decision over Johnny Lovett, 141, Philadelphia. Although Falco was in command all through the eight rounds, Lovett pressed him and in some rounds Falco's margins were very slight. Ernie Griffin, 174, Tampa, Fla., knocked out Sam Shumway, 180, Webster, Mass., in the third of a six. Ray Johnson, 142, rangy New York Negro, edged out George Greytack, 138, Bridgeport, in another six. In a third six, Archie Goodbee, 135, Hartford, whipped Joe Montiero, 130, Wareham, Mass. A semi-pro bout opened the card.

Meriden—City Hall—George Red Doty, 152, Hartford, stopped Lee Black, 155, New York, in the second round of the scheduled eight-round feature. The pair had fought on even terms in the first round. In the second, Doty dropped Black twice for eight-counts before Referee Hughie Devlin called a halt. Bat Stroud, 155, Tampa, Fla., Negro, was held to a stirring draw with Frank Moran, 145, Philadelphia, in the six-round semi-final. In four-rounders, Eddie Ahearn, 157, New York, defeated Bobby Hicks, 155, Waterbury Negro, and Al Silverman, 140, New York, won by decision over Larry Teene, 140, Southington. Two semi-pro bouts made up the card.

Semi-pro boxing is returning in the state. A number of the promoters are using these bouts on their undercards. Pete Perone, former amateur impresario, staged a semi-pro show for the Red Cross benefit in Hartford and hopes to get weekly cards going soon . . . . Eddie Reed, former featherweight battler, who came within a hair of beating Sixto Escobar a few years back, has opened up a tavern in Hartford and is doing very well. Eddie is also an usher at the fights in Hartford . . . . Pete Montesi, World War II hero of Danbury, has received permission to use the State Armory there and will run every other week. He is also making arrangements to use Visconti Field in Danbury for outdoor shows . . . . There is plenty of work in this section for boxers who can fight. Any unattached fighters seeking work here can do well by contacting the writer, Don Hamill, 250 Saybrooke St., Hartford, Conn. Any queries about boxing in this section will be answered.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

ON March 25 at Cincinnati Music Hall, before a crowd of close to 4000 spectators, and a gross of $8973, Ezzard Charles won a ten-round decision over Tee Hubert of New York City in an exciting tilt that saw Hubert stick right in there for the first nine rounds. Charles got to Tee in the final frame and belted him down four times, clinching the decision victory by a wide margin.

Two weeks later at Pittsburgh, Charles chilled Billy Duncan in four heats. Duncan offered little or nothing in the way of opposition for Charles.

On the March 25 card at Cincinnati, Lloyd Gibson had to step on the gas to gain a light-heavyweight eight-round nod over Tommy Woodward of Columbus. Sgt. Dick Cook was given a decision over Charley Baxter of Cincinnati in eight rounds, but our book showed Baxter winning by a mile. Jackie O'Cohen knocked out Lee Williams in the second, and Jim Wilson made Bob Earhardt dry enough after four rounds. This was a Benny and Sam Becker offering.

The Poole-Brown-Nichols combine featured Charley Banks of Cincinnati and Deacon Logan of St. Louis in the top bout. The show drew a gross of better than $3000. The bout was halted in the sixth when Logan suffered a badly cut eye. Banks was way in the lead at the conclusion.

Ray Jackson, Cincinnati, a protege of Sugar Costner, belted Sugar Cain, Zanesville, and scored the eight-round verdict. Charley Eschman, Cincinnati, won a hard-earned decision in eight rounds over Ernie Derho of St. Louis, while in the six-frame go, Chicken Gaines, Cincinnati middle, was lucky to eke out a close decision over Art Bronner of Cincinnati.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS—My boxing promoters' guide at one dollar each which features the names and addresses of 700 promoters and managers all over the country is really going over with a bang. Write Jimmy Amann, 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, O. . . . this address also available for those who want my monthly fight flashes service at one dollar per year . . . . Richie Smith, Rock Island, Ill., manager, is priming his welter pelter, Tommy Campbell, for some Mid-West shots and will probably show on a Cincinnati card this summer . . . . young fighters of all weights, heavyweights and light-heavyweights preferred, who want good contact here in Cincinnati, the Middle West and the top rings in the East, should contact this writer . . . . Chickie Rose, Cincinnati manager and trainer, is keeping his boys pretty busy, with main stops in Cincinnati and Canton . . . . Joe Seta, Fenwick coach, has some likely looking prospects in the amateurs . . . . Freddy Miller, with heavyweight Jimmy Brown already under his wing, is preparing to establish himself as a local manager . . . . George Murphy, secretary of the Cincinnati Boxing Commission, and all its present members were reappointed for two more years.

At Music Hall, Bobby McIntire of Inkster, Mich., too big and too experienced, won a ten-round decision over Sugar Cain, Zanesville, O., lightweight, in the top ten-rounder on the Shallat-promoted card. Tiger Wills knocked out Johnny Goode in one; Joe Comello kayoed Willard Rice in one, and Jackie O'Cohen did likewise to Bob Thompson in heat one.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

AL BACHE, local lightweight, back from the service, has won five fights on the comeback trail. Al is a pleasing boxer and always gives the fans a run for their money. He is appearing on Duluth cards.

Bob Gibbons, son of Mike, is back from the South Pacific. He was a staff sergeant at the time of discharge.

The appointment of Mike Gibbons as boxing commissioner made a lot of friends for Governor Thye. The Governor made a wise move. Why should he appoint some big shot who doesn't know a left hook from a two-base hit? In Mike he has one of the best in the game. Mike is already appointing capable men under him who know the game. George Sudheimer is back as official timekeeper; this is a job George held for years. Under the other commissioner, George was "out," for what, nobody knows. Dr. Teisberg is the commission doctor, a job he held a few years ago.

Chief Crazy Horse, the welterweight, is back in the Army and stationed at Salt Lake City, U. Jimmy Ellis, Golden Gloves lightweight champion from St. Paul, who suffered a broken collar bone a few months ago, is back training. Ellis, one of the best prospects in amateur ranks, is under the direction of Emmett Weller.

Pinkie (The Pinkus) George is packing them in at Des Moines, Ia. . . . . Bunny Pierce, Moline, Ill., promoter, has a good prospect in Tommy Campbell, former Golden Gloves lightweight champion . . . . Ted Morrison, the St. Paul 175-pounder, is a great favorite in Des Moines, where he has won his last four bouts.

Jimmy and Vern Salwasser, lightweights from Rice Street in St. Paul, have won all their bouts in South St. Paul . . . . Jimmy Connolly, heavyweight, returned from the Navy, is under the direction of Karl Ogren . . . . Jentrice O'Neill, featherweight, is one of the busiest amateurs around these parts.

Don Espenson, 149, St. Paul, won the decision over Dick Demaray, 152, Tappen, N. D., in a ten-round main event sponsored by the Disabled Veterans in the Memorial Building at Bismarck, N. D. Demaray won the first four rounds, but Espenson made a great comeback in the latter part of the fight.

Al Bache, 142, St. Paul, won the decision over Richie Dix, 144, Hazen, N. D., in another ten-rounder. Bache closed Dix's eye and won the decision by a good margin. Dan Panko, the promoter, signed Dix and Bache for a return. The gate was around $2000.

In the preliminary bouts, Eddie Dinius, 147, Bismarck, scored a T.K.O. over George Johnson, 150, Flasher, N. D., in the fourth of a four. Walter Dutton, 122, Mandan, decisioned Eugene Volk, 123, of Flasher, in another four.

Clayton Worlds, 196, Chicago, won the decision over Johnny Denson, 195, Indianapolis, in a ten-round main event at the St. Paul Auditorium. Worlds substituted for Abel Cestac, who suffered a broken nose in training.

Joe Stepka, 170, St. Paul, outpointed Erle Adkinson, 170, St. Paul, in the six-round semi.

Fred Ford, 177, St. Paul, knocked out Fred Gates, 210, Minneapolis, in three rounds of a six-rounder.

Al Bache, 141, St. Paul, outpointed Royal Martin, 145, Des Moines, in four. Booker Ellis, 145, St. Paul, outpointed Bruce Angel, 140, Milwaukee, in four. Gene Frederickson, 142, St. Paul, beat Ken Cockayne, 135, Des Moines, in four rounds.

Tony Stecher, Minneapolis promoter, is planning on a busy summer season. His star attraction, Jackie Graves, has been laid up with a sore hand but is about ready to start training again. Graves is the boy who packs them in and Tony is all smiles.

Mike Fisher, heavyweight, just out of the Army, has scored two knockouts in a month and looks like the best heavyweight around.

Here is what George Barton thinks of Fred Ford: "There's a young Negro heavyweight boxing out of St. Paul who will bear watching, for he is a splendid prospect. He is Fred Ford of St. Paul. Ford, only 18 and recently graduated from the amateurs, is endowed with a lot of natural ability as both boxer and puncher. He has a snaky left and packs a lot of power in a short, straight right. We saw young Ford give Abel Cestac and Johnny Denson strenuous gym workouts. He now weighs only 177. When Ford builds up to 190, if he is not rushed along the way, he will make his presence felt in the heavyweight division."

Coming from a fellow like George Barton, this is quite a compliment. George knows a prospect when he sees one. Ford is managed by Emmett Weller, who knows what it is all about and will take Ford along carefully until he is ready for the big Boys.

Abe Wallace, former boxer, is the matchmaker for the Fargo Athletic Club.

Don't forget to send in your news for this column before the fifth of the month to Billy Colbert, Gibbons Gym, Hamm Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

Any pro fighter who is looking for action around the Northwest can contact the writer at the above address.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By BILL DAVEE

ENRIQUE BOLANOS, classy lightweight, showed San Antonio fans his fistic wares and won their stamp of approval en masse. Enrique met tough Georgie Hansford in the Alamo City, and the entire proceedings were over in less than two heats. Flashing a snake-like left, terrific, sharp, accurate hitting, and speed to burn, Enrique completely outclassed the tough and game Hansford, putting him down three times and out in round two.

In the supporting program, Johnny Villanueva, classy young protege of Fritzie Zivic, stowed away Baxter Horne, Oklahoma City featherweight, in the first round. Danny Shea scored a T.K.O. over Julio Cerna, two (middleweights). Pelon Garcia, 155, beat Alex Arella, 158, six; Otho Sligar, 132, drew with Chuey Rodriquez, 128, six.

Beaumont—Promoter Bill Plattsmier's state light-heavyweight tournament kept rolling when Tommy Charles and Tom Attra drew in a hotly-contested ten-rounder that ended in a draw. Beltin' Ben Johnson, Houston puncher, is out in front right now with two knockouts to his credit. Charles and Attra have been rematched, with the winner to meet Johnson for the title. Other results on the card were: Fred Barja, 145, decisioned Harry Lane, 146, six; Danny Shea, 155, T.K.O.'ed Buddy West, 160, four; Ocie Deering, 158, and Charles Enstrom, 155, drew, four; Wallace Bates, 140, T.K.O.'ed Joe Robinson, 140, three; R. D. Young, 147, K.O.'ed Ray Franks, 146, one.

San Antonio—Fritzie Zivic, former world's welterweight champion, may have slowed up a lot, but he is still plenty smart for most of the ambitious youngsters over the country. Tony Elizondo, Corpus Christi middleweight, had his hand raised at the end of ten rounds of gruelling fighting with Fritzie, but he knew he had been in a battle. In fact, the bout was very close and many thought Zivic was entitled to a draw. However, the heavy hitting done by Elizondo in the early rounds caught the eye of the officials, who voted unanimously in favor of Tony.

Preliminary results: Gaston Garza, 151, decisioned Kenny Reed, 144, eight; Johnny Villanueva, 129, K.O.'ed Doug Gibson, 132, three; Al "Catfish" Bourgeois, 143, and Pelon Garcia, 150, drew, six; Chuey Rodriquez, 124, beat Joe Laredo, 126, four.

Houston—Clever Kid Filipino kept his record of never having been beaten in a Houston ring intact when he punched out a ten-round decision over Sparky Reynolds of Indianapolis in a swell scrap. Filipino seems to be unbeatable in the Bayou City and has turned in some brilliant performances here. Other results: Kenneth Richardson, 150, decisioned Leon Rice, 150, four; Augie Arellano, 165, kayoed Buddy Best, 161, six; Gordon House, 140, T.K.O.'ed Oliver Hamm, 144, three; Herschel Wallace, 141, beat Otho Sligar, 135, four; Dick Jackson, 157, stopped Jackie Brady, 161, one.

San Antonio—In what most fans agree was one of the best fights staged in this historic city, Rudy Cruz was returned the winner over the seemingly invincible Tony Mar, after ten rounds of bristling action that saw first one fighter then the other take the lead. The decision was disputed, with the referee voting for Mar and the two judges giving the nod to Cruz.

For more than a year, Mar, the Chinese-Mexican knockout artist, had flattened practically everyone he has met. But Young Cruz, who was celebrating his return to civilian life after having been returned from the wars with a great record and a piece of shrapnel in his side, had little respect for the vaunted hitting powers of "Atomic" Tony. He took Tony's terrific blasts and either boxed or fought his way out of trouble. Mar was in there trying for the old knockout right up to the last second and almost succeeded in the very last round. Both boys were given a tremendous ovation by the crowd, who really appreciated their efforts.

Ramon Alva, 125, was given all the worst of an eight-round decision with Mario Trigo, 135, as most of the customers thought Alva had the edge, but the officials ruled Trigo the victor. Julio Cerna, 163, stopped Jimmy Curl, 155, in the third, after having been on the floor himself in the second; Al "Catfish" Bourgeois, 144, K.O.'ed Beto Estrada, 148, four; Chuey Rodriquez, 129, beat Baby Angora, 130, four.

Houston—Steve Belloise, classy New York middleweight, had an easy time with Baudelio Valencia, Mexico City, disposing of his foe with a right-hand smash in the second heat. Valencia tried, but was completely outclassed. If there is a better middleweight in the business than Mr. Belloise, Houston fans would be hard to convince it is so.

Other results: Tommy Charles, 176, decisioned Pancho Medrano, 180, eight; Harry Lane, 144, beat Oliver Hamm, 145, six; Ocie Deering, 156, and Jackie Brady, 160, drew, four; Herschel Wallace, 143, defeated Roy LeBeau, 134, four; Wallace Bates, 150, T.K.O.'ed Asberro Johnson, 152, four.

Babe Ritchie, former heavyweight fighter, has opened a club in his home town of Lubbock and is drawing quite well. Babe is a most genial fellow and knows the business and Lubbock should soon become a really hot fight spot.

Clyde (Flash) Gordon, the baby-faced, blond teen-ager whom Manager Dave White is billing as the "Florida Wonder Boy," proved himself just about as flashy as his nickname in a draw with Henry Majcher of Pittsburgh on Promoter Bill Williams' last Houston headliner.

Gordon was too fast and too foxy for Majcher, who had previously stopped all his Houston opponents, and was a unanimous winner on the next day's Houston sports pages.

The $50 Victory Bond which Promoter Williams offers on each show for the most crowd-pleasing fighter was won by Jose Andres, Mexico City 119-pounder, who drew with Eddie Lee, 120, St. Louis, in eight rounds. Wild Bill McDowell, 155, Dallas, decisioned Arnold Deer, 155, Indianapolis, in the ten-round semi-final. Melvin Walker, 175, Wichita Falls, Texas, stopped Joe Beck, 164, Karnes City, Texas, in one round, and Al Garcia, 145, Houston, stopped R. D. Young, 143, Houston, in just 43 seconds of the first round.

Two weeks earlier, Promoter Williams sent three Houston favorites to the post in a triple main event and saw them all beaten. Henry Majcher stopped Jo Jo Passante, 145, Houston, in the third; Sparky Reynolds, 153, Indianapolis, stopped Al Bernard, 155, Houston, when the bout was halted after five furious rounds when Bernard suffered a cut eye; and Wild Bill McDowell scored a ten-round decision over Jimmy McLaughlin, 162, Houston.

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FISTIC NEWS IN EDMONTON AND CALGARY, CAN.
By WALT MARLOW

FINALS of the Edmonton School Boys' annual boxing and wrestling tournament were held Friday, April 5th, in the auditorium of Westglen High School.

Throughout the five nights of tournament action, there were a total of 69 fistic matches, ranging all the way from microbes to heavyweights, and 62 mat exhibitions.

The finals of the tournament provided the fans with 20 fights and 13 wrestling displays. With two rings in use, the events were run off in great style, and credit is due the officials.

Feature of the fight finals was the manner in which John Grotski lifted the heavyweight title from "Two Ton" Steve Paproski. Carrying a weight advantage of more than 30 pounds, "Two Ton" Steve just couldn't get going in his usual style, while the 191-pound Grotski displayed fine form.

Through the efforts of the Canadian Legion in Edmonton, Northern Alberta was well represented in the Alberta Provincial amateur boxing finals held at Cardston, Alberta, April 19 and 20. We'll have the complete data on the tournament for you next month.

The Geary-Fisher gymnasium, Royal Hotel Building, which opened on April 1, should prove a great help for Northern Alberta's amateurs who desire boxing instructions. Under the management of "Tiger" Fisher and Benny Geary, the latter a leading contender for Western Canada welterweight honors, the gym is in good hands.

Thirty-six years old, Fisher started his boxing career back in 1930, and after 130 fights, 78 of which he won by knockouts, the Tiger joined the Canadian Army. A product of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Fisher fought for the welterweight championship of Canada twice in 1931, losing decisions in both instances. Managed by Frank Tabor, Tiger did most of his fighting in San Francisco, Cal., and on numerous occasions acted as a sparmate for John Henry Lewis. After four and one-half years of service in the Army, where he acted as a physical training instructor, he says his fighting days are over.

SHORT JABS—Roddy MacDonald, Edmonton's middleweight sensation, has been doing all right in the big top. To date, he has K.O.'ed two of his pro opponents and decisioned one, all in the St. Nicholas Arena in New York. His younger brother, Hugh, was scheduled to take part in the Alberta amateur eliminations. . . . Ronnie Walters, a local boy, who won 64 of 66 fights in the Canadian Army, plans on turning pro in the very near future. Fighting in the light-heavy class, Ronnie captured the Canadian Army light-heavyweight championship.

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BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

BUFFALO'S first ring fatality in over 40 years occurred in the Memorial Auditorium ring on the night of April 2, when Dave Mason, Cleveland Negro heavyweight, suffered a fractured skull and a concussion from the terrific blows dealt by Joe Matisi, who knocked out Mason in the third round. Dave was down four times. He never had a chance after Matisi softened him up with punches that would fell an elephant and at the end, when it was apparent that Mason was in a bad way, Dr. Louis A. Kaiser, examining physician for the New York State Athletic Commission, climbed into the ring and immediately ordered Mason to Emergency Hospital, where he died on Wednesday night, never regaining consciousness.

The death of Dave Mason, while unfortunate and deplored by all connected with the boxing game here, was just one of those calamities that happen in strenuous sport. No one can be blamed. True enough, Mason was down four times when the rules of the state athletic commission call for a referee to stop a bout when three knockdowns occur in one round, but this might happen in any exciting bout. The main fact is, Mason was hurt badly before he went down the second time. Referee Luke Carr is heartbroken and he certainly would have stopped the bout if he had known of Mason's condition.

In the main event of the Fairview Club's April 3 card, Joe Muscato technically knocked out Bob Miller of Newark in 1:33 of the second round. The match, scheduled for ten rounds, was all Muscato's from the start.

In preliminary bouts, Sammy Baroudi, 159½, gained an eight-round decision over George Riley, 162, Detroit; Art Foster, 138½, Buffalo, knocked out Irish Bobby Henry, 133, New York, first round; Billy Seep, 137½, Toronto, beat Jim Pieniazek, 138½, Buffalo, in four slashing rounds.

Charlie Pinto has high hopes for Ray Wyzykiewicz, a likely-looking 133-pounder, who won the *Courier-Express* Golden Gloves tournament. Bob Montgomery may show in Buffalo for the FAC soon.

Jack Singer is a pretty smart gentleman when it comes to picking matches that will draw. His Phil Muscato-Gunnar Barlund big-man match drew $10,572 and the fight was a good one and very close. Muscato, perhaps, won by a shade, that's all. The judges who gave Muscato eight rounds must have had their eyes closed. Barlund handed Muscato a rough evening of it and the best we could give Phil would be six rounds and the Finn four rounds.

Promoter Singer loves heavyweight matches and Buffalo will see more of them. The huge lads draw 'em in.

Dewey Michaels, president of the Fairview Club, is one of the finest sportsmen in the boxing game. He paid all expenses of Mason's wife and family to come from Cleveland to be at his bedside. Mr. Michaels also took steps to raise a sizable sum of money for the Mason family. At Jack Herman's wrestling show, the hat was passed and close to $500 was collected. Now Mr. Michaels intends to see that Mrs. Mason will get a percentage of the next Fairview Club's gate receipts and he will personally start a fund-raising campaign for the unfortunate boxer's family. Joe Matisi will also donate his entire purse for his next match to Mrs. Mason and the children. The fistic fraternity here is in deep sympathy with the bereaved family and intends to do everything possible to help them.

Around the Town—Promoter Jack Singer had $25,000 in the house for his Lee Oma-Phil Muscato show and the voluble promoter declares he will not be satisfied until he has promoted a championship match and drawn $100,000. . . . Asked what he had in mind, Jack said: "Phil Muscato and Gus Lesnevich." There's no question about what a championship match would do. . . . When Jimmy Slattery boxed Lou Scozza for the light-heavyweight title in 1930 the bout was fifteen rounds and staged inside at the Broadway Auditorium. . . . A gate of $67,000 was attracted. . . . Maxie Rosenbloom and Jim Slattery fought in the baseball park and about $55,000 worth of customers came through the turnstiles. . . . Other big gates at the old Broadway Auditorium were Jimmy Slattery-Young Stribling, $27,500; Rocky Kansas-Jack Bernstein, $19,000, and Dave Shade-Lou Scozza, $16,000.

Bert Finch has added a promising youngster in Young Pierce. . . . Incidentally "Uncle Bert" welcomes correspondence with home-coming army and navy veterans who plan to take up professional boxing. . . . Address Bert Finch, 863 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, N. Y. . . . Phil Muscato is boxing exclusively for Jack Singer's Hudson A. C., while his brother, Joe Muscato, strings along with Dewey Michaels and Charlie Pinto at the Fairview Club. . . . Not a bad plan for the Muscatos. . . . Jack Herman and Jerry Monahan will stage wrestling shows all May and June and perhaps a couple of big open-air shows in July and August. . . . Monahan and Herman have provided Buffalo fans with the best in wrestling and this city tops 'em all with big gates.

The Fairview Club's winning combination of Dewey Michaels, promoter, and Charlie Pinto, matchmaker, is establishing the FAC as one of the best boxing clubs in the country. When Michaels and Pinto took matters over the Fairview Club had encountered more than its share of ill luck, losing quite a chunk in the first year of its existence. Now everything is going along nicely and the club shows a profit of something like $4000 during the period of the Michaels-Pinto combine.

A tribute to Eddie Tranter, press agent, is also overdue. Tranter, former *Evening Times* sports editor, is back in his old field of sports publicity. For six years Tranter was Director of Recreation in the Buffalo Parks Department, but a change of administration caused him to return to the writing field.

Managers and boxers desiring to do business with the Fairview Club, which runs shows bi-monthly, should write to Dewey Michaels, promoter, or Charlie Pinto, matchmaker, care Palace Theater Building, 327 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

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SPOKANE NEWS
By JIMMY TANSY

DUE to too little publicity, a small crowd turned out to see one of the hottest cards to date when Kenny Lindsay of Vancouver, B. C., and Bobby Richards of Portland, Ore., faced each other at Spokane. These featherweights were out for blood, this being the rubber match. Though Lindsay was the aggressor all the way, Bobby caught the judges' eye with his heavier punching. He had Kenny on Queer Street twice. The crowd would have welcomed a draw, but did not complain at the decision.

The eight-round semi-final, which was the best bout of the evening, saw Jackie Turner, Lindsay's rival of amateur days, take a close eight-round duke from Joey Clemo of Portland, Ore. Freddie Steele beat Jimmy Archer in the six-round special event, and Fran Porter kayoed K.O. Mullins in round three of the curtain-raiser.

They say a fighter's popularity shows up at the gate, and if so "Old Tiger" Fox is still plenty O.K. with Joe Fan as he drew a capacity house against Lowell Strong, a willing heavyweight from St. Louis, Mo. Jack carried all three judges' votes to win unanimously.

Still climbing up the popularity ladder, Jackie Turner, the 118-pound buzzsaw, traded blows in a sizzling bout with Paul Cook for seven rounds until the latter was disqualified by the referee. Turner caught Cook with a whistling right hand to the point of the chin and it looked as though he was down for keeps, so his second, a well meaning guy, threw the towel in and stepped inside the ropes to go to Paulie's aid, leaving the referee no alternative.

In the six-round special, Fran Porter suffered his first K.O. at the hands of Milo Savage, Seattle middleweight. In the preliminaries, Harry Hayworth "wrestled" with Jimmy Orr for four rounds, with Orr the winner, and in the curtain-raiser Addison McLeon beat Chief Short. All the preliminaries were middleweight bouts.

FROM TRINIDAD, B.W.I.
By RONALD H. PINHEIRO

LOCAL boxing fans saw a good boxing card, headed by the Dinamita-Avendano affair. Kid Dinamita, the 18-year-old Santo Domingo wonder, who created a sensation here some weeks ago when he defeated Kid German, scored another victory whn he kayoed Kid Avendano, Venezuela's "Billy Conn," in the fifth round of a ten-rounder.

Dinamita scaled 146 to Avendano's 146½.

In the semi-final, Lawrence Assam won his third straight fight by outpointing Gunner Brathwaite of Barbados in eight rounds. This was Assam's hardest fight to date. He floored his opponent for the count of eight in the sixth round, but Brathwaite managed to hold on to the end.

Assam weighed 136½ pounds and Brathwaite, 142 pounds.

Another bout saw Rafael Jordan of British Guiana win by a foul from Joe Gans in the fourth round of a six-rounder. By this victory Jordan is entitled to meet Ralph Garcia, Trinidad's No. 1 featherweight.

Jordan scaled 124½ and Gans, 130.

In the opening bout, Kid Blyce outpointed Victor Hernandez in six rounds. Blyce weighed 123 pounds and Hernandez, 117½ pounds.

FROM MEXICO CITY
By SELSSO TIBORRO

WITH a population of over 2,000,000, Mexico City may rank among the most boxing-minded cities in the world. Even though bull-fighting is considered to be the national sport, Mexicans have always had a bent for the manly art.

There are two important clubs in Mexico City, namely, Arena Coliseo and Arena Mexico, both owned and operated by Salvador Lutteroth, a clever Mexican business man and sports promoter. The first one has a seating capacity of 9000 and the second of 5000.

During the month of March the following fights took place:

Coliseo—Villita de Juarez, 132, outpointed Aurelio Cruz, 133, in ten. Benjamin Prado, 134, outpointed Tony Guadalajara, 130, in ten. Benito Ramirez, 130, knocked out Luis Perez, 130, in five, in an eight-round fight. Lorenzo Herrera, 137, knocked out Eddie Santana, 138, in the third of a six-round event. Adolfo Ponce, 124, knocked out Juan Cruz, 118, in the first round of a four-canto fight.

Mexico—Felipe Trejo Luna, 125, outpointed Chilindrina Valencia, 121, in ten. Alfonso Lozano, 127, outpointed Babe Arizmendi, 123, in eight. Jose Gonzalez, 118, outpointed Meliton Cova, 119, in eight rounds. Juan Galan, 126, outpointed Enrique Torres, 126, in six. Ray Rojo, 132, knocked out Vicente Ocampo, 131, in the first round of a four-round event.

Coliseo—Eduardo Serratos, 125, scored a T.K.O. over Taxco Kid, 127, in the fifth round of a ten-round fight. Kuko Ortiz, 118, outpointed Babe Zaragoza, 112, in eight rounds. Manuel "Indio" Lopez, 117, outpointed Baby Carey, 114, in eight rounds. Tino Flores, 114, knocked out Jose Moreno, 118, in the third round of a six-round meet. Severino Nava, 123, knocked out Cesar Ortega, 126, in the first round of a four-round event.

Coliseo—Leonardo Lopez, a classy 123-pounder, knocked out Chucho Llanes, 128, in the seventh round of a ten-round event. Luis Torres, 140, knocked out Herminio Renteria, 136, in the fifth round of a ten-round fight. Jose Alcantara, 138, knocked out Javier Verduzco, 129, in the fourth round of an eight-canto match. Jose Rosales, 125, knocked out Marciano Gonzalez, 127, in the first round of a six-round match. Trinidad Perez, 116, outpointed Vicente Aguilar, 117, in four rounds.

Mexico—Monito Flores, 110, a very promising little fighter, drew with Aztequita Orizabeno, 111, also promising, in ten rounds. Luis Reyes, 116, outpointed Gachupin Vazquez, 118, in ten. Paco Acosta, 145, knocked out Jose Diaz, 146, in the second of a ten-round match. Jose Fernandez, 121, outpointed Roberto Diaz, 120, in six. Hilario Jiminez, 115, knocked out Carlos Amezcua, 117, in the third of a four-round match.

Coliseo—Carlos Malacara, 138, recently crowned Mexican lightweight king, outpointed Kid Filipino, 138, in ten. The match was not for the title. Saul Torres, 133, and a hard puncher, knocked out German Rico, 133, in the first round of a ten-round fight. El Conscripto, 140, knocked out Manuel Zapata, 135, in the fourth round of an eight-canto match. Tino Flores, 114, outpointed Ramon Uribe, 116, in six. Miguel Rodriguez, 116, outpointed Jose Moreno, 117, in four rounds.

Coliseo—Paulino Montes, 134, a classy boy, T.K.O.'ed Benjamin Prado, 132, in the ninth of a ten-round match. Tony Guadalajara, 130, outpointed Antonio Aznar, 132, in ten rounds. Fausto Garcia, 122, outpointed Manny Perez, 124, in eight. Halcon Trejo, 135, outpointed Ray Romero, 134, in six. Basilio Torres, 112, outpointed Enrique Garcia, 113, in four.

Coliseo—Kid Azteca, welter champion of Mexico, technically knocked out Joe Legon, welter champion of Cuba in the third round of a ten-round event. Melvin Johnson, American Negro boy, 143, outpointed Lupez Gonzalez, 138, in ten. Leonardo Lopez, 123, T.K.O.'ed Felipe Trejo Luna, 129, in the third round of a ten-round event. Kuko Ortiz, 117, outpointed Gachupin Vazquez, 114, in six. Jose Rosales, 124, knocked out Miguel Ramirez, 126, in the first round of a four-round fight.

Coliseo—Leonardo Lopez, 122, outpointed Eduardo Serratos, 123, in ten. Jose Luis Perez, 132, outpointed Mariano Nava, 132, in eight. Manuel Luevano, 146, outpointed Panchito Gonzalez, 144, in eight. Baby Dodge, 143, knocked out Tony Garcia, 145, in the third round of a six-round fight. Benito Ramirez, 123, drew with Pancho Arellano, 123, in four.

Coliseo—Chilindrina Valencia, 122, outpointed Chucho Llanes, 127, in ten. Monito Flores, 110, outpointed Kuko Ortiz, 116, in ten. Alfonso Lozano, 125, won over Pablo Guerrero, 126, because of a foul in the third round of an eight-round event. Chucho Guzman, 122, outpointed Felipe Tenorio, 123, in six. Elias Villanueva, 125, outpointed Marciano Gonzalez, 127, in four.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

OF THE three states that we cover for THE RING, the state of Nebraska takes the top spot for boxing news this month. It appears at this writing that both professional and amateur boxing is on the boom in this state. Iowa is a close second with South Dakota coming in a slow third.

Hastings, Neb.—Hastings Golden Gloves team defeated Omaha CYO Golden Glovers in eight of nine bouts.

Alex Kildow, who beat Rex Crawford in the 112-pound class, scored Omaha's lone triumph.

Carl Juggert, Hastings' Midwest bantamweight champion, scored a technical knockout over Bob Gillogly in the first round. His brother, Ray, a finalist in the Midwest featherweight class, technically knocked out Dick Moore in the second round.

Warren Brenning of Hastings and Jimmy Jankovich produced the top bout. Brenning scored a technical knockout over the Omahan in the second round of the welter scrap.

Watertown, S. D.—Mike Gibbons, former leading middleweight contender, was signed to referee in the Eastern South Dakota amateur boxing tournament to be staged here. He alternated with Frankie Spargo, another well-known boxer.

Des Moines, Ia.—Del Cockayne, former Drake football star, won an eight-round decision over Billy Heath in the third meeting of the two boxers.

We received word from Minnesota, Minn., that the Minnesota C.O.F. Boxing Club was organized under regulations of the state boxing commission. Dr. W. W. Merrill was named as manager and promoter; John Spanton, president, and Dr. J. M. Schulte, secretary and treasurer. Dr. Merrill has appointed a committee of 12 men to assist him in promoting boxing matches and in securing members for the club. News of Minnesota boxing should be mailed to Billy Colbert, Hamm Building, St. Paul, Minn.

Omaha, Neb.—Jerry Rohrer, 165-pound Ida Grove, Ia., wrestler, and John Nyberg, University of Iowa grappler, won final matches in the Midwest A.A.U. wrestling tournament.

Dubuque, Ia.—Harry Hutt, well-known promoter of sports events, announced here that professional wrestling cards will be resumed early in April.

Norfolk, Neb.—Wilbur DeCora, 190-pound Indian from Winnebago, knocked out Maxwell Butcher, 180, Omaha, with a pair of hard rights to the jaw in the second round of the eight-round main event in Norfolk's first professional fight in about 15 years. Other results:

Enos Tebo, 128 pounds, Winnebago, decisioned Stanley Novak, 128, Omaha, six rounds.

Larry Davis, 170, Long Pine, and Jim Hamilton, 170, Omaha, both World War II veterans, drew. (Hamilton decisioned Davis when they fought recently in the Omaha Golden Gloves meet.)

Ken Wickholm, 182, Fremont, knocked out Sailor Harding, Winnebago, fourth round.

Bobby Kracken, 145, Blair, decisioned Johnnie Jackson, 140, Omaha, three rounds.

Charlie Van Fleet, 168, Blair, and Bill McFarland, 165, Sioux City, draw.

McGregor, Ia.—Vernon (Buzz) Lessard plans on carrying on the tradition of a family which is well-known in this section of Iowa and Wisconson as one which "never gives up."

Buzz, 19, claims the boxing championship of the United States navy and plans on making a career as a prize fighter.

Remember, news for the spot should be mailed to us by the sixth of each month, and same will reach us at 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Iowa.

Omaha, Neb.—Roy Thomas of Omaha is a member of the European Theater of Operations championship boxing team which has tossed a challenge at the Chicago Gloves team, best in the United States.

Sutton, Neb.—Eight Boys Town boxers won semi-final bouts in the State Boxing Tourney staged here.

Ottumwa, Ia.—Iowa's Pre-Flight boxing team closed its season with a 6-1 victory over Chanute Field, Ill.

Des Moines, Ia.—Several fast finishes were the results as five of eight champions knocked out opponents in the final of the Iowa A.A.U. boxing tournament. All of the champions were sent to Boston, Mass., for the National A.A.U. finals. The champions are:

112-pound class, Bob Brewer, Des Moines; 118-pound class, Al Meier, Cedar Rapids; 126-pound class, Bobby Tate, Des Moines; 135-pound class, Worrell Cartwright, Des Moines; 145-pound class, Bob Rossie, Cedar Rapids; 160-pound class, Bob Bernes, Iowa City; 175-pound class, Johnny Baird, Des Moines; heavyweight class, Buzz Shultz, Moline, Ill.

Albion, Neb.—Albion earned six of the twelve individual championships to win its own invitational high school boxing tournament.

Bancroft, Neb.—Pender High boxers captured the Logan Valley boxing tournament with 28 points. Bancroft trailed with 15 points.

Nebraska City, Neb.—Bobby Boucher, who has been a mild sensation in New York boxing since his discharge from the Army Air Corps, is the ring exception that proves the rule.

Most pro fighters of today slipped into the slug-for-pay profession after amateur careers.

But the Nebraska City lad never had a simonpure fight before appearing in his first pro bout in New York City on Ocotober 23, 1945.

The former Nebraska City High three-sport ace won his debut via a knockout—and since has notched 11 straight conquests, including eight by kayoes. Twice he has appeared in Madison Square Garden preliminaries.

Last Minute Sparks—Coaches of teams participating in the Boys Town invitational boxing tournament at Omaha, Neb., included Bob Evans of Logan, Ia., D. J. Bunch, Red Cloud, Neb.; L. G. Horton, Sutton, Neb.; Wayne Marshall, Alma, Neb.; Roy Pierce, Curtis Aggies, and K. C. Wiles, Ashland, Neb. Maurice Palrang was tournament director. . . . Vince Foster, Omaha puncher, returned home from his eastern trip as a member of Chicago's Intercity Golden Gloves team. . . . Bob Morley, popular Sioux Cityan and a former Golden Gloves boxing champion, has returned home from the service. . . . Besides being an expert referee, Bob also supervises a team of parochial school boxers. . . . Cadet Timothy Nelson of Omaha has been awarded a boxing letter at Wentworth Military Academy at Lexington, Mo. Cadet Nelson was a member of the ring squad that recorded one of the best seasons in Wentworth boxing history.

The North Platte, Neb., boxing team outclassed Kearney in a fast meet, 8 to 3. . . . The sixteenth annual boxing tourney staged at Trinity College in Sioux City presented Sioux City fans their fistic action for the month. . . . It was a fast card from start to finish with 12 three-round bouts being offered. . . . Abel Cestac, fighting Argentine heavyweight, who is making Des Moines his headquarters under the care of Pinkie George, Des Moines promoter, is conditioning himself on a farm near Altoona, Ia. . . . The South American was forced to cancel a number of bouts owing to a nose fracture. . . . He should be seeing plenty of action by the time this hits the print. . . . W. H. Harrison is boxing chairman for the American Legion at Norfolk, Neb. . . . Don Lee, 149, Edison, Neb., battler, is going good in Hollywood, Cal. In one of his most recent starts he scored over Jimmy McDaniels.

The Mail Bag—J. C., Sioux Falls, S. D.: Yes, I have been writing for THE RING since 1929. . . . D. D. F., Omaha, Neb.: Thanks for your letter, suggest you look over THE RING Book Shop. . . . M. J. C., at Huron, S. D.: I do not have the space to carry all amateur results. Lloyd Rawson, former Sioux City welterweight, keeps us posted with plenty of boxing news from the coast. Thanks, Lloyd. . . . Would also like to thank all you boys for the help in getting this spot out every month.

Weekly boxing cards will be staged in Sioux City at the Riverview Park Boxing Arena starting late in May. Roy Warfield, popular Sioux City sportsman, is the promoter. Billy Jackson, well-known Sioux Cityan and former boxer, is the matchmaker. Boxers and managers are urged to get in touch with Billy Jackson at 525 5th Street, Sioux City, Ia., at once.

CLEVELAND BOXING NEWS

By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

PROMOTERS Larry Atkins and Bob Brickman presented two excellent shows at the Arena last month.

On March 11, Artie Levine, 158, Brooklyn, scored a spectacular kayo over Jimmy Doyle, 148, Los Angeles, in the ninth round of the feature event. Jackie Davis stopped the bout after Doyle went down for the third time in that round. Doyle outslugged his heavier opponent throughout the first eight rounds, and had a decisive edge on points. Both boys were in marvelous physical condition and went at a terrific pace from the first gong. The sudden ending surprised the entire throng. Levine was rewarded for his dogged determination. These two crowd-pleasers will be rematched shortly.

In the semifinal Leroy Jackson, 129, looked good defeating Art Price, 132, Detroit. The taller, rangier Price boxed beautifully, but Jackson's persistent attack took its toll as the fight progressed.

Al King, 174, kayoed Gib Jones, 174, Cincinnati, in the first. King found the range with his potent right and had no difficulty bringing his opponent down.

Bobby Root, 139, won the first five rounds from Joey Kushner, 134, but was almost kayoed by the southpaw in the sixth. His margin was decisive enough, however.

Rudy Zadell, 141, Barberton, stopped Nello Nucelli, 139, Rochester, in the third round. Nucelli boxed well and had a slight edge until Rudy's right started finding his jaw. Nello hurt his leg taking the second knockdown.

Mike Birskovich, 160, Niles, kayoed Eddy Miller, 159, Dayton, in the first with a right cross.

Another great show was presented on March 25. In the feature 10-rounder Sammy Secreet, 149½, Pittsburgh, knew too much about counterpunching for aggressive Billy Walker, 154, Portland, Oregon. Sammy would feint Billy into leading and then counter with well-timed left hooks and right upper cuts. No one expected Sammy, recently discharged from service, to maintain the blistering pace. The tenth round, however, found Secreet moving as gracefully as ever.

Another 10-rounder that met with the approval of the fans was the Leroy Jackson-Leo Garrett rubber match. Jackson, at 129¾, won decisively from Garrett, at 132¾. Jackson was the aggressor throughout and fought the best fight of his career. Leroy's left jab and left hook found its mark with unerring accuracy.

Davy Feld, 166, New York, decisioned George Saunders, 169, in a ten-rounder that went on after the feature. Feld scored three knockdowns in the sixth.

In another scheduled 10, Pat Comiskey, 198, Paterson, N. J., kayoed Al King, 180, in the fourth. Comiskey had difficulty finding the elusive King. However, Comiskey scored a knockdown in the second and a right in the fourth was the payoff punch. Pat made a big hit with Cleveland fans.

Sammy Derrico, 135, decisioned Chet Bossio, 135, Pittsburgh, in a rousing four-rounder.

Art Brown, 192, Pittsburgh, knocked out Bill Taylor, 253, in the second round.

Mike Birskovich, 160, Niles, O., decisioned Al Thornton, 160, Pittsburgh, in four rounds.

Henry Feuerstein, former heavyweight stablemate of Johnny Risko, has acquired Bobby Richardson, 152, and Chuck Ross, 160. Ross recently returned to civilian life.

The fistic colony was saddened by the sudden and untimely death of Dave Mason, injured in a bout in Buffalo. Dave was well liked and his death was a blow to all who knew him.

Akron, O., continues to draw large crowds. The latest show there saw Charley Roth kayo Johnny White in the sixth.

William "Bill" Walsh has revived the fight game in Youngstown, O. In his first show, he featured Bert Lytell, who decisively beat Johnny Lawer. Walsh plans to run bi-weekly.

HEARD AND SEEN IN MICHIGAN

By MICKEY McINTIRE

ORVILLE GODFREY, promoter at the Arcadia and later at the Arena Gardens, finally "gave up the ghost." Godfrey had run weekly at the two small Woodward Avenue clubs, sticking to it through thick and thin, but had to quit just when he was starting to draw some pretty good houses.

Nick Londes remains Detroit's lone promoter. The past month he showed the classy young Tony Janiro in an eight-round headliner against "Smiling Willie" Watkins. Watkins has done well, but always in preliminary bouts.

Bobby McQuillar, Port Huron lightweight protege of Harry Robertson, copped another decision over the "Fighting Bus Driver," Art Price.

Bobby McIntire trounced Murray "Sugar" Cain in a ten-round feature for Harry Hartman in the Cincinnati Music Hall. Cain had been impressive in previous starts, but failed to match the attack of the aggressive McIntire.

Leo Rodak, former featherweight champion, and recently discharged after three and a half years in the Marines, showed that he still has plenty on the ball when he outhustled Bobby McIntire for Milo Solomito in Memphis. Solomito drew a nice house with a dandy show, and Memphis is in line for some fine fights. McIntire and Rodak drew over $5000 into the City Auditorium.

Maxie Starr, young Indian representative of Baltimore, by way of North Dakota, opened up the Central S. C. in New York and dropped the decision in his ten-round bout with Bobby McIntire, McIntire left-handed his way to a clean-cut decision.

A Correction

In 1946 Record Book, page 181, in the record of George Wildcat Henry, the 1944 record belongs to George Henry, Lebanon lightweight, and the 1945 record is that of Wildcat George Henry, a middleweight.

IN OKLAHOMA RINGS
By M. C. DUNCAN

OKLAHOMA CITY fight fans were impressed with their first view of Al Velez, good-looking Mexican fighter, now making his headquarters in Wichita, Kansas. However, it was a very abbreviated view they had—up to 1:40 of the second round in the main event of Promoter Babe Hunt's March 13 card in Municipal Auditorium. It took Velez just that long to apply the sleeping potion to Wild Wilson Dunn of Oklahoma City. Dunn was put in the resin three times before Referee Ben Query put an end to his misery with the ten-count.

Velez, who looks like Hollywood's newest candidate to replace Valentino, showed coolness and deliberation in cutting down his opponent.

Other results of the card: Baxter Horne, Oklahoma City, beat Rube Salazar, Wichita, Kans., in a six-round featherweight match. John Riley, Oklahoma City, T.K.O.'ed Almado "The Clown" Rodriquez, Wichita, Kans., in the second of a scheduled six-round light-heavyweight set-to. Irish Mickey Travis, Oklahoma City, K.O.'ed a gory, badly whipped Dick Zeman, Oklahoma City, with only 40 seconds left in the last of their intended six rounds. J. R. Winkle, Oklahoma City, topped Eddie Weller, Oklahoma City (6), welterweights. Rata Soto, Wichita, Kans., outpointed Baby Gallo, Wichita, Kans. (4), flyweights.

Soldier Henry Parrish, welterweight from Fort Sill, was the only non-Indian to represent Oklahoma in the National A.A.U. championship bouts in Boston this year. All other titlists were Indian lads, and together they made up one of the best-balanced teams to represent this state in recent years. Champions include:

Buddy Yacheschi, Ft. Sill Indian School, flyweight.
Charley Pebeashy, Ft. Sill Indian School, bantamweight.
Melvin Permansu, Ft. Sill Indian School, featherweight.
Junior Lefthand, Anadarko Boxing Club, lightweight.
Henry Parrish, Ft. Sill, Okla., welterweight.
Bruce Tomah, Cameron Aggies, middleweight.
Luke Tainpeah, Cameron Aggies, light-heavyweight.
Fred Wermy, Riverside Indian School, heavyweight.

Something new in boxing tournaments was inaugurated this year at Muskogee, Okla., with the presentation of the first of a contemplated annual series of All-Indian championship matches. These tournaments will be open to any Indian in the United States and it is expected they will draw some of the best amateur mittmen in the country.

Jake Stephens, popular Oklahoma City middleweight, was the victim of an upset victory by Jimmy Curl, San Antonio newcomer. The bout took place on the March 26 card in Oklahoma City's Municipal Auditorium, which was headlined by a short-lived match between Dick Smith, also of Oklahoma City, and Ocie Deering, Houston, Texas. Stephens got off to a good start, but fell behind on points as the fight progressed. The former paratrooper clearly was confused by the constantly changing style of his taller adversary.

The main event started off fast, with Dick Smith and Ocie Deering furnishing the excitement. Deering was going great guns when, after a half-minute of the second frame, Smith caught him with a heavy left hook, followed by an equally powerful right cross. Those two blows meant curtains for Deering and continued the unblemished record of Dick Smith, the Fighting Fireman. Supporting bouts:

Cherokee Hendricks, Joplin, Mo., K.O.'ed Chief Tabbytete, Ft. Sill, Okla.; Howard Carr, Oklahoma City, and Billy Strunk, Oklahoma City, drew in a four-round middleweight scrap; Jack Lyons, Oklahoma City, T.K.O.'ed John Riley, Oklahoma City (3), lightheavyweights; Irish Mickey Travis, Oklahoma City, beat Chick Sanchez, San Antonio (6), featherweights.

Irish Mickey Travis, flashy undefeated featherweight, was placed in the hands of a new manager recently with the sale of his contract to Lucky Holzapfel. All of Travis' fighting has been done under the management of A. E. "Happy" Hammond. Followers of local ring wars look for the Irish lad to make good.

Bill Berryman, fight manager of many years' standing, now has two promising young lads in his stable in the persons of Baxter Horne, featherweight, and Billy Strunk, welterweight. Both boys are former Golden Glovers and deserve close watching.

Oklahoma City's faltering professional boxing program received a blood transfusion this month when the promotional chores were taken over by Jimmy Taylor and Lloyd "Lucky" Holzapfel. Both men are paratroop veterans of World War II and former pugilists themselves. Those in the know say these two have the financing, energy and know-how to put the pro-punching business on a paying basis.

Fighters interested in appearing in Oklahoma City contact the writer at 733 Southwest 31st Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

ROBERT SATTERFIELD, stiff-punching Chicago light-heavyweight, is forging to the front in the light-heavyweight ranks. His latest kayo victim was Johnny Clark, experienced Easterner, who has extended several "name" pugilists. Satterfield bombarded Clark in the fifth heat with a devastating left-hook to put Clark on Queer Street and force the arbiter to halt proceedings. Clark was down for a seven-count, and when he got up, the aforementioned left-hook prompted Referee Bernie Wiseman to stop it. The Chicago Coliseum was the site of the battle.

The semi-windup, which commanded more attention than the feature, saw the initial appearance of Booker Beckwith, pre-war 175-pound phenom. Beckwith opposed seasoned Willie Barrows. Booker tried hard, but lacked that certain shining something he once possessed, and Barrows of Detroit won the eight-round decision. It proved once again, that an extensive hitch in the service takes the precision out of most fighters and that it takes plenty of action before a former topnotcher can regain his old form, if at all. Jackie Boyd, '45 Golden Gloves flyweight champion, now campaigning as a pro featherweight, halted Richard Rigali in a repeat match. The first bout went to Boyd via a decision after both boys had scored knockdowns. This time Jackie of Chicago's Southside, won a five-round T.K.O. over his Northside rival. Willard Coffey cooled Andy Canal in four of a scheduled six. In fours, Richard Hammond stopped Mike Terry in the opening frame and Tim Robinson defeated Tommy Johnson. A gross gate of $9681.11, paid by 3404 fans.

Willie Joyce, Gary, Ind., stopped Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson at Washington, D. C., in five. . . . Tony Zale, after four tune-up fights, is concentrating on his first defense of his title when he takes on the wicked Rocky Graziano in July. . . . Tony is as rugged as they come and will get up after being knocked down. . . . In the event Tony connects with his crushing right-hand-to-the-heart blows, can Graziano weather the storm? Sure, Rocky can dish it out, but this time he meets a heavier man, with more experience, a durable body and iron fists, and, above all—a title! I'll string along with Zale.

Holman Williams, one of Tony Zale's most persistent challengers, keeps mowing 'em down. This time Johnny Carter of Philadelphia fell by the wayside via a T.K.O. in round seven of a scheduled ten at the Chicago Coliseum. This win was Holman's 189th triumph in fourteen years of pro activity. Holman staggered Carter often with swift wallops, but it wasn't until round seven that Williams could score any semblance of a knockdown. A right hand to Carter's head caused the Easterner to drop to one knee for a nine-count. Following this knockdown Referee Tommy Thomas intervened. Time, 2:20 of the seventh.

Wray Carter, Negro Southside lightweight, raised a mouse over Frankie Liberman's right optic in the second round and the semi-final bout was halted at the start of round four, Liberman's eye being shut tight.

In the prelims, Georgie Adams won handily over Jackie Boyd (5), Con Perli defeated Bob Waterman (4), and Tiny Tim Robinson finished Roberto Salamitio to round out the program.

Bob Nichols, Cincinnati welterweight, scored an eight-round win over ever-charging Alvin Gomez, in a Marigold Gardens star attraction. Gomez's aggressive tactics were not enough to defeat the impressive Crescent City puncher. In the semi, Johnny O'Brien of Calumet City, Ind., finished Tommy James in the fourth round of a slated eight-round tiff. The attending physician, Dr. J. J. Drammis, ordered the fight stopped when James received severe cuts on the lip. Mike Sopko of East Chicago, Ind., and Johnny Crane of Chicago fought five rounds to a draw; Gene Field, Berwyn, Ill., heavyweight, defeated Elmer Holt, Bloomington, Ill., in four; Buddy O'Dell, Amsterdam, N. Y., knocked out Ernie Stevenson, Chicago, in one, and Tommy Campbell, Rock Island welterweight, won over Bill Patrick.

Johnny Roszina, aggressive Milwaukee welterweight, was awarded a popular duke over Art Brown, hard-hitting Southside Negro, in an exciting eight-round embroglio at Marigold Gardens. Brown, 150½, won four of the first five rounds. Roszina, 149, rallied strongly to take the last three rounds and the decision. Each of the supporting numbers ended in knockouts. Jimmy Pryor, Gary welterweight, and Teddy Weems, Chicago lightweight, each scored one-round knockouts—Jimmy over Bud Kelly of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Teddy over Mickey Wilson of Detroit. Buddy O'Dell, Amsterdam, N. Y., 164-pounder, floored Ernie Stevenson for the count in three and Collins Brown, 1944 Golden Gloves winner in the 160-pound division, stopped Gib Jones, also of Cincinnati, in the third.

Eddie Lander, Chicago welter favorite, shellacked Stanley Cieslik, Detroit, Mich., in an eight-rounder held at St. Louis, Mo. Eddie also trekked out to Denver, Colo., where he stopped Johnny Farrell in five rounds.

Two new modern gymnasiums for Chicago. The Ringside Gym, situated in the heart of the loop, across from the Morrison Hotel, and the Northwest Gym, Division Street at Western Avenue, the latter to be managed by well-known Sam Buxbaum. The Ringside is owned and operated by the Marigold Garden, Messrs. Irv Schoenwald and Jack Begun.

Johnny Roszina, Milwaukee welterweight, repeated his previous win over Art Brown, in a 10-round headliner at the Marigold Gardens Arena. Johnny won decisively, keeping Art at bay with his straight shots. Woody Valentine, Bloomington, Ill., 164-pounder, and Leroy Scales, former City Golden Gloves champion, registered the only knockouts on the program. Valentine stopped Douglas Jordan in the opening session and Scales connected in the fourth canto against Forrest Gee. Tommy Campbell, ex-Golden Gloves lightweight titleholder, beat Jimmy Pryor, Gary, in five rounds and Elverse Townsell conquered Johnny Hadek of Joliet, Ill., in four.

Roy Cadle, Belize, British Honduras lightweight, who gained quite a bit of ring fame in Phoenix, Ariz., is being handled by Yours Truly, as is Ray Powell, who won the lightweight and welterweight titles of the Philippines while in service. Also, George Baratko and Henry Hall. Contact Gene Engel at 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Ill.

Robert Simmons, Indianapolis welter, came back to Chi and defeated Herschel Joiner, Cincinnati whirlwind, in the main eight at the Marigold Gardens. Johnny O'Brien, Polish middleweight with the Celtic monicker, bashed Jimmy Crow in six rounds of their slated eight-round co-feature. O'Brien was too strong for his Bloomington, Ill., adversary. In prelims: Sammy Cicerello, Milwaukee lightweight, defeated Herman Mills (4); Bill Petersen, Indiana Harbor, Ind., heavy, stopped Oscar Hamp in five heats, and Gene Field won in four over Billy Sullivan, Negro Southsider.

Attention fighters with proven records: If you can fight and want to go places, notify me of your accomplishments, enclosing clippings, fight data and photo of yourself. My address is mentioned elsewhere in this column.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
By C. W. STEELE

RED McPHERSON, 158, New Waterford, stopped Joe Vigar, 151, Glace Bay, in the second round of the feature bout at the Strand Club, New Waterford.

In the semi-final, Bearcat McIsaac, 116, drew with Simo Simms, 113. This was the best fight on the program. Both are from New Waterford.

In the preliminaries, Gussie Forward scored a second-round K.O. over Lew Simms. Both are featherweights. Kid Burns decisioned Young Atkens. They are bantamweights from New Waterford. Art Cormier and Young Cameron fought a hair-raising draw.

Tommy Wilcox, 142, Louisburg, scored a decision over Sydney's Bobby "Young" Pickles, 139, in the main bout at the Navy League Barracks, North Sydney. In all there were 11 bouts staged. Two local boys, John Maxwell and Johnny Sheffield clashed in the opener, with Maxwell getting the verdict. Flyweight Dave Webster, Sydney Mines, won over his fellow townsman, Kid McLean, by a technical K.O. in the second round. They are bantamweights. Gil Keeping, 112, North Sydney, fought a draw with Ronnie Dredge, 115, Sydney.

Marty Collins and Alex Hastie, lightweights from the North Side, fought a draw. Albert McEachern, 165, Antigonish, outpunched Angus Stewart, 180, Sydney Mines. Chook Fowler, 115, North Side, decisioned Salty Paruch, 115, Sydney. Elmer Clarke, 116, Sydney Mines, scored over Sydney's Jim Topp, 116.

Two lightweights, Johnny McLean and Gerry MacDonald, from North Sydney, belted each other around the ring in the opening round, but McDonald did not come out in the second session.

Anda Berna, 130, Sydney, got the nod over Art Mancini, 130, North Sydney. Dave Smith, 131, North Sydney, dropped the decision to Johnny Mortimer, 130, Sydney.

SHORT JOLTS—Tony Spence, the New Waterford welterweight, and Nick Melnick, the Sydney middleweight, are home for a brief visit . . . . Spence fights around New England rings, while Melnick trades punches in the state of Minnesota . . . . Bill Sparkes, Negro light-heavyweight under contract to the writer, returned to the ring when he stopped Hub Parker, 165, at Newport, Vt., in the third round.

15th AIR FORCE TEAM
AN ACE COMBINATION

By SGT. FORREST MACDONALD

UNDER the tutelage of Lt. James O. Freeman of New York City, N. Y., light-heavyweight champion of the Olympic Games at Amsterdam in 1928, the Fifteenth Air Force boxing team in Italy is ready for all comers in the European Theater of Operations. Lt. Freeman has been overseas for two years, serving as a Special Services referee at bouts throughout the Mediterranean theater. His team, composed of 16 boxers, eight amateurs and eight professionals, was selected on the basis of demonstrated ability over a period of months.

Prior to military service, Lt. Freeman was a Y.M.C.A. physical education director. He attended Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

Pvt. Willie L. Thomas of Tampa, Fla., is a member of the team. He is the son of A. J. Thomas of Tampa and fights as an amateur lightweight. He won the amateur lightweight championship of the Mediterranean theater in Rome last December. Thomas started his boxing career overseas last June and has had 26 bouts, of which he won 23 and had one draw. He is one of the best prospects in the Mediterranean theater.

In the service since December of 1942, Pvt. Thomas has been overseas for 24 months, serving with a Quartermaster Trucking company attached to this group.

Sgt. Ira Boddie of Enid, Okla., fights as an amateur heavyweight. He has four knockouts to his credit in this theater.

In the service since August of 1942, he has been overseas for 20 months, serving as a cook with an M.P. battalion. Prior to entering the service, Sgt. Boddie was a porter.

Cpl. Jim McDonald of St. Louis, Mo., fights as an amateur heavyweight. He is a Golden Gloves winner, 1940-42, for East St. Louis, and has participated in the Fifth Army championships. McDonald also boxed an exhibition bout with Joe Louis in Bari when the champion was entertaining soldiers in Italy.

In the service since April of 1942, Cpl. McDonald has been overseas for 25 months, serving with a Quartermaster Trucking company in North Africa before coming to Italy.

Cpl. Henry Brown of Los Angeles, Calif., boxes as an amateur welterweight. He has participated in several Golden Gloves tournaments, going as far as the semi-finals. Here in Italy he has won nine of his ten fights.

In the service since August of 1942, Brown has been overseas for 16 months, serving with a Fighter Group. He attended Jefferson High School in Los Angeles.

Pfc. Milton L. Glass of Akron, O., was Golden Gloves champion of the state of Ohio for three years in succession. He now fights as a professional lightweight. Glass won the Mediterranean lightweight boxing championship in December, beating the Fifth Army champion and the French Army champion.

In the service since October of 1942, Glass has been overseas for 22 months, serving with a Signal company.

Pfc. Floyd W. Gibson and Pfc. Lacey Calloway, Jr., both of Cincinnati, O., also are members of the Fifteenth Air Force team. Pfc. Gibson, a professional light-heavyweight, is Tyrrhenian professional middleweight champion, defeating Italo Palmerini, Italian champion, to win the crown. Gibson has been overseas 21 months.

Pfc. Calloway fights as an amateur middleweight. He has had six fights overseas, winning three by knockouts and taking three by decision. He has been overseas 16 months.

Pfc. Bob Lyons of Houston, Tex., boxes as an amateur welterweight. He won the welterweight service championship in the Southeastern States in March, 1944. Lyons has been in the service since May of 1941 and has been overseas for one year.

Fifteenth Air Force Boxing Team. Standing, left to right—Lt. James O. Freeman, coach and trainer, of New York City; T/Sgt. Ralph A. Burnley, middleweight, of Philadelphia; Pvt. Willie L. Thomas, lightweight, of Tampa, Fla.; Pfc. Floyd W. Gibson, light-heavyweight, of Cincinnati; Pvt. Gene Jones, heavyweight, of Philadelphia; Sgt. Ira Boddie, heavyweight, of Enoch, Okla.; Cpl. Jim McDonald, heavyweight, of St. Louis; Pfc. Lacey Callaway, Jr., middleweight, of Cincinnati; Capt. Ralph Bray of Montebello, Calif., who is Special Service Officer at an Air Depot Group of the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command, where the team is in training. Kneeling, left to right—Sgt. Mac R. Kohn, manager, of Newark, N. J.; Cpl. Henry Brown, welterweight, of Los Angeles; S/Sgt. Mel Neary, featherweight, of Philadelphia; Pvt. Jacobus Vander Klashorst, flyweight, of South Africa; S/Sgt. Robert E. Jennings, welterweight, of Springfield, Mass.; Pfc. Bob Lyons, welterweight, of Houston, Tex.; Pfc. Milton L. Glass, lightweight, of Akron, O., and S/Sgt. A. C. Tomasco, trainer and referee, of Philadelphia.

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Erin Focuses Eyes

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nearly five years more and added twenty-six fights to his string. But he was slipping fast and suffered knockouts at the hands of men who wouldn't have lasted sixty seconds with him in his prime. Yet he wound up his recorded battles with a kayo administered as of old by his good right mawley, the victim being Joe Butler, the Philadelphia Negro boxer.

Professionally, Peter was through, and remarked to his seconds as he left the ring:

"This is a good time for me to quit the business. I had the rheumatism so bad this morning, that I had a hard time getting out of bed!"

Nothing can be more futile than pondering over possibilities that might have been. Yet one cannot help wondering to what heights Maher would have attained had he been more carefully piloted, or if he had paid more attention to training than he ever did, for Peter was an easy-going, convivial soul with scant thought for the morrow. Also, he was eminently soft-hearted, courageous in battle as he was, and no match in craftiness for the cold-blooded parasites who ruled boxing when Peter was in his prime.

The Shock Absorbers

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Marty Clark, a good heavyweight with plenty of savvy, has been hired because he is a terrific puncher with either hand. Clark won the Purple Heart campaigning with the Army in Italy, and has looked good in several Madison Square Garden appearances.

Conn is in for the roughest regimen of training any boxer ever faced, Freddie Fierro also revealed.

When the Pittsburgh Irishman steps into the ring to do battle with Joe Louis, he will have had three solid months of boxing under his belt.

"We expect to use a total of fifteen sparring partners before we break camp," Tony Tomacci chimed in. "Most of them, if we can obtain the type we want, will be good punchers. We'll have a middleweight kid or two for speed, but there's one thing you can be sure of—no matter whom we hire for Conn, when they step into that ring at Greenwood Lake, both he and Billy will be levelling. We won't have any prima donna stuff from anyone. It'll be a war each day.

"Conn will box an unprecedented number of rounds, travelling ten to twelve heats per day, with perhaps one day off from boxing every two weeks. This routine, coupled with roadwork, is expected to bring Johnny Ray's charge into the ring against Louis in splendid condition," concluded Tony.

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IN the past there have been other sparmates whose value was recognized by shrewd managers or fighters, and these boys were hastily snared up whenever a training camp session was about to start. Gene Tunney would never begin serious gym boxing unless Harold Mays, a heavyweight, who rarely boxed on regular cards, was in camp. Sometimes, as in the case of Dempsey and Louis, personal intimacy with the boss was almost impossible as these two great punchers battered their hired hands mercilessly. There are rare boxers who can imitate a headline opponent for the champ or challenger who employs them, or through natural skill box exactly as does the intended foe. A southpaw, if needed, can write his own ticket.

The pay of a sparring partner may vary, but in most cases it is very good. The average is $25 a day for heavyweights, although a crackerjack can command as much as $50. Martin Burke, who could dish it out as well as take it, was rumored to have received from Jack Dempsey as much as $1000 per week and all expenses for his wife and children while training with the Manassa Mauler.

The sparmate is also invaluable to the press and public. If he is a good mittman and not under wraps, he can reveal much regarding the condition of the headline battler with whom he is training. Phil Mercurio, a fairly good heavyweight, ruined whatever chance the Gene Tunney-Tom Heeney fiasco had of drawing a crowd when he hung one on the chin of the Hard Rock from Down Under in a sparring session just prior to the fight and almost floored Heeney. Walter Cobb injured Primo Carnera's ribs severely immediately before Da Preem's shindig with Jim Maloney, and Carnera, unable to obtain a postponement, dropped the duke to the Boston Fishmonger but later beat him at Miami in ten rounds.

As revealed in an earlier RING article, Paul Berlenbach, the former light-heavyweight champion, was denied a license in New York after he attempted a comeback, when the Gotham mitt moguls learned that a young sparring partner, Ralph Ficucello, had all but maimed Berlenbach when he flattened him in the old Pioneer Gymnasium. A clever and cute boxing partner can spotlight many glaring weaknesses, or if he is what is referred to as a "catcher" or shock absorber may prove whether or not the champ or challenger packs a wallop.

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FEW sparmates ever graduate into the big money brackets. A notable exception is Jim Jeffries, who helped Jim Corbett prepare for his fight with Fitzsimmons. In the lighter classes, Lou Ambers rose to become a world's lightweight champion after having been a sparring partner for Tony Canzoneri.

There is no Hall of Fame for the sparring partner in pugilism. Like the luckless scrub on the football squad he serves as a guinea pig for the crackerjack topnotcher. The hapless sparmate is a chopping block, a target for the fistic elite to tune up his best punches and maneuvers upon.

Without him, however, there would be no thrilling championship encounters, no headline boxing event wherein the two principals are trained to a fine razor edge. This colorless, indispensable bit of fighting machinery is doomed by necessity to remain in the background unheralded, unsung. However, to the appreciative manager or great champion or challenger, he is the greatest hero in the boxing business.

Ft. Warren Post Fighters

Ft. Warren Post fighters won two championships in the recent Seventh Service Command tourney held at Camp Crowder, Mo. Sgt. Robert Bobo took the middleweight title, while Pvt. Bob Sherman copped the heavyweight crown. Col. H. P. Hallowell, post commander, here presents trophies to Sgt. George E. Davidson, trainer. Back row, from left: Capt. Robert G. Brown, athletic officer; Pvt. Oscar Butler, 165; Cpl. Fred Johnson, 145; Pvt. Robert Sherman, heavyweight; Pfc. Rosco E. Perry, 175, and Cpl. Eddie DiMarco, assistant trainer. (Signal Corps Photo Courtesy Ft. Warren PRO.)

The Freaks of the Roped Square

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he was ready at all times to pit him against any heavyweight in the world, although Joe could always keep with ease within the welterweight limit of 142 pounds. Like Fitzsimmons, his peculiar build operated greatly to his advantage, and attacking tactics, usually effective against pugs of ordinary formation, became worse than useless when employed to bring about Joseph's downfall.

Kid Lavigne was the only chap who opposed Walcott successfully in the early days of the Negro's reign as cock of the welter roost. O'Rourke made the mistake of trying to include the lightweight title in Walcott's list of prizes, trained him down to 133 pounds, and imposed on him the task of stopping Lavigne inside of fifteen rounds. Walcott was weak at the weight, and got much the worst of the argument, which resulted in a well-earned decision for the Saginaw Kid.

But it was against the big chaps that Walcott especially shone. The old saw—"the bigger they are, the harder they fall"—took on added significance in Walcott's case. Such sterling middleweights as Jack Bonner, Dick O'Brien, Dan Creedon, Australian Jimmy Ryan, and others of less renown, fell easy victims to the terrific punches of the long-armed, short-necked Negro cyclone; and two of the topnotchers among the 158 pounders—Tommy Ryan and Kid McCoy—could not be persuaded to try conclusions with Joe under any conditions.

Walcott may be said to have touched the high-water mark of his career from 1900 to 1901, for it was in that period he scored his famous knockout of Joe Choynski in seven rounds, and defeated George Gardner in twenty. At that time Choynski had to his credit a twenty round draw with Jeffries, and had held Sharkey even for eight rounds, while Gardner was looked upon as a sure comer in the light heavyweight division. Small wonder that Walcott in time earned the title of "The Giant Killer," for never before was there seen such a pocket edition of Hercules strutting around the padded arena and chopping down huge opponents to his own size.

The nearest approach in point of build to Walcott was Sam Langford, who was constructed somewhat on the model of a square block of wood, but Langford topped Joe in height by fully six inches. Langford did some commendable work in the line of whipping big fellows, but Sam put on weight early in the game, whereas there never was a stage in Walcott's career that he could not make the welter limit. And even in 1904, when Walcott had struck the down grade, he held Langford to a ten round draw in Manchester, N. H.

In order to realize the true value of Walcott's performances when pitted against star heavies, one must stop to figure out what a latter-day welter would remark if asked to tackle a leader of the large division. For instance, can you imagine the look of mingled sorrow and indignation Marty Servo would cast upon a promoter if asked to take a chance with Gunboat Smith? Or for the matter of that, is there any living scrapper from the middle grade down who would consider for a moment an offer which called upon him to give away twenty-five pounds in weight to an opponent? Yet Walcott thought nothing of such odds. Fighting middleweights and light heavies was no novelty to the Barbados Demon.

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YOUNG GRIFFO, the Australian boxing marvel, was not quite such a physical freak as Fitz or Walcott, but, like the latter, his short neck and bulky shoulders were a decided help to him in guarding the knockout point. Griffo was never much of a puncher, but his freakiness lay in his almost uncanny ability in manipulating the gloves. When he first came to this country, he scaled pretty close to our feather limit, but it was not long before he graduated into the lightweight class.

It is not stretching the truth any to state that Griffo was probably the most speedy and perplexing boxer who ever performed under Queensberry rules. Old-timers who fought him assert that his wonderful headwork, almost impenetrable defense, dazzling feints, and rapid two-handed methods of attack put him in a class altogether by himself. The cleverest boxers and hardest punchers were alike made to look ridiculous when exchanging swats with the erratic lad from the antipodes.

Yet Griffo never won and held a championship in this country, a fact which was probably due to his incurable laziness and dislike of training. It was impossible to keep him keyed up to anywhere near his best form, yet even when in mediocre condition he managed to astonish the sporting world with his performances.

On one occasion, Griffo was matched to box Ike Weir, the famous Belfast Spider, before a Chicago club.

On the afternoon of the battle, the Australian vanished completely, and Lou Houseman, who was promoting the show, called in the police to assist in locating the missing star. About 4 p. m. a couple of plainclothes men discovered him leaning against the bar in a levee saloon, splendidly intoxicated and utterly oblivious of his surroundings. Houseman had the incorrigible one hustled into a Turkish bath, where he was promptly boiled out and kept until it was almost time for him to enter the ring.

By then he was sober enough to distinguish the referee from his opponent, but, naturally, the wise ones who had been tipped off to his condition, hedged on their bets. Griffo, however, upset all calculations by giving Weir a very thorough thrashing. He floored the Spider several times.

Judged from a purely commercial standpoint, mixing up in weight handicap matches is poor business for a pug, and nowadays the gloved gents are too keenly alive to a sense of their market value to indulge in any such Homeric combats. But whether the sport has become more attractive since the commercial instinct has been developed in our leading sluggers is quite another question.

The romance of the ring has gone. Commercialism is at its height.

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Gay and Festive Boxing Resorts

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fighters hung out there also, waiting for a chance to earn a few bucks by banging each other around in a slaughtering bout, as an extra attraction for the howling crowd of midnight revelers who invariably threw the poor sluggers considerable coin, when a very slashing bout thrilled or pleased them.

Old Fiddler Neary used to wind up his night's tour of the Bowery boxing resorts at McGlory's. He generally started his evening's fistic performances at Harry Hill's or Owney Geoghegan's and fought his way in other places down to McGlory's. Some nights he might be knocked out half a dozen times or flatten several opponents on his slugging tour. But it didn't seem to make much difference to the poor old Fiddler, as long as he was able to gather in enough dough to keep the pot aboiling.

Billy McGlory, when togged out in his long Prince Albert coat, white vest, diamonds, high silk hat, etc., appeared more like a prosperous clergyman than the keeper of the wildest and most notorious dance and boxing hall in New York City.

His place finally became so notorious and flagrant that the Rev. Doctor Parkhurst and other reformers, with the help of the police, closed Armory Hall down and put Mr. McGlory out of business. But that didn't stop Billy from fitting a more gorgeous place up around Central Park Circle. But after spending many thousands of dollars on his new venture, the police and reformers got after him again and prevented him from obtaining a license. So Battling Billy retired into oblivion.

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News of the Mat World

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on the same evening in Johannesburg. Joe is only 18 years of age. He stands 6 feet 2½ inches tall and weighs 194 pounds. Papa Jack has big plans for his son and wants to bring him to the United States, where he will meet all comers.

Young Robinson has met and defeated men much heavier than himself, due to his knowledge of Judo and Jiu Jitsu.

Last time Jack Robinson was in New York he spent most of his time in THE RING office, where he was always welcome. He spoke often of his son and longed to have him come to the States. He struck up a friendship with Jack Dempsey and wants the latter to handle the affairs of his son when he arrives. We are anxious to see young Robinson in action and believe he can do a lot to restore the sport to its old standing.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There are no more copies of "The Boston Strong Boy," the story of John L. Sullivan, to be had. All have been sold. Do not send for this book.

Graziano, Fighter of the Month

By THE RING EDITOR

WITH the circus in New York, boxing activity in the world's center of fisticuffs was curtailed. The big shots took a little vacation and are awaiting the outdoor season. Several of the top-notchers were seen in action in at least one fight but the majority put their gloves aside for what they figure will be better days.

Jersey Joe Wolcott continued his winning streak as did Tami Mauriello and Elmer Ray. Bruce Woodcock who is to fight Mauriello in the Garden this month, added two victories to his credit, with triumphs over George James and Bert Gilroy, both by knockouts. Phil Muscato has outgrown the light-heavyweight class and has now joined the elite among the heavies.

The outstanding fight of the month was the Graziano-Servo overweight match in which Rocky stopped the champion welterweight in two rounds.

Though Archie Moore took a run out powder on Buddy Walker in Baltimore, he still remains the outstanding contender in his class, more so now because of the knockout of Lloyd Marshall by Billy Smith in the ninth round. Ezzard Charles has reentered the select circle and Freddy Mills, who is to box Lesnevich in London for the title, has regained his old post, one he occupied prior to entering the service.

Jimmy Edgar, Coley Welch and Bert Lytell, each of whom was rated some time ago, are back in the first ten. Welch's easy victory over Sonny Horne, eliminated Sonny and gained for Coley ninth post. Edgar is going good again and is eighth. Bert Lytell's defeat of Holman Williams gained for him fourth position.

Sammy Secreet, who before joining the Navy was a high man in the welter class, is eighth man in that division and Chuck Taylor, recently discharged from the army, has fought his way into tenth position in his fifteenth fight as a professional.

In the lightweight division, Chalky Wright, who is rapidly reaching the retirement age, if he has not already fallen to that level, is no longer among the first ten. His place has been taken by Frankie Moore who recently stopped him. Charley Cabey Lewis has regained a place among the leaders and Johnny Bratton earned seventh place by beating Freddie Dawson.

There were few changes among the boys in the lower weights, the only notable one being the rise of Carlos Chavez to fourth among the feathers after holding Manuel Ortiz to a draw and the progress of Jackie Jurich, veteran former title holder, who has gained his second win. He is listed the fourth best bantam.

Here are the results of the month:

Heavyweight bouts:

Jersey Joe Wolcott knocked out Al Blake, 4. Lee Q. Murray beat Perk Daniels, 10. Tami Mauriello knocked out John Thomas, 3.

Bruce Woodcock knocked out George James, 3, and Bert Gilroy in 2. Elmer Ray stopped Lee Oliver, 1, and Hubert Hood, 4. Pat Comiskey stopped Bob Garner, 8, and Al King in 4.

Verne Esco upset Al Hoosman in 10. Joey Maxim stopped Ralph DeJohn, 1, outpointed Buddy Walker in 10, and lost to Phil Muscato in 10. Muscato also beat Gunnar Barlund, 10.

Jackie Wilkerson knocked out Eddie White, 3. Steve Ketchel stopped Jimmy Liscomb, 6, and Jack Bonner, 5. Lonnie Clark beat Wally Sears, 6.

Jackie Cranford knocked out Oscar Goode, 4, and Jimmy Bell in 7.

Art McAlpine beat Harold Raskin, 6. Ted Walters knocked out George Boner, 1, beat William Brown, 6. Cleo Everett beat Jimmy Bell, 4.

Ragon Kinney knocked out Mike O'Grady, 6. Hal Glassman beat John Pretzie, 10. Eddie Camp beat Denis Juliani, 10. Lowell Strong knocked out Jack Wofford, 3.

Buddy Walker knocked out Earl Lohman, 2. George Jinks beat Ernie MacDonald, 4. Tony Demico beat Billy Beauford, 4.

Frank Poreda stopped Mickey Hayes, 10. Bob Jacobs beat Billy Grant, 8. Eddie Wilson knocked out Zeke Brown, 1, and beat Lonnie Clark, 6.

Ernie Griffin beat Big Ben Benware, 6. Eddie Grace knocked out George Cassista, 3, and Tommy Doyle, 3. James Howard knocked out Joe Thomas, 2. Johnny Allen knocked out Leo Stoll, 2.

Gene Jones stopped Doc Bee, 1. Phil Stafford beat Howard Berger, 6. Jim Maxwell won from Danny Willard, 6. L. C. Petty stopped Champ Roberts, 2.

Willard Reed knocked out Lindy Elliott, 5. Art Henry knocked out Frankie Ferry, 1. Albert Johnson beat Joe Brooks, 4.

George Millich outpointed Leo Green, 8. Johnny Colan knocked out Charley Harvey, 6, and beat Henry Cooper, 8. Joe Matisi knocked out Howard Mason, 2, and Dave Mason in 3.

Jackie Wilkerson knocked out Billy Pappas. George Boner won from Noel Reed, 8. Eddie Simms stopped Leo Green, 4. Tony Bosnich outpointed Harold Blackshear, 10. Jimmy Evans beat Johnny Davis, 6.

Warren Wilson knocked out Tom Hagler, 6. Tommy Doyle beat Tony Andraze, 6. Al Tumas beat Billy Liscomb, 6. Robin Lee stopped Lowell Strong, 8. Willie Barrow beat Booker Beckwith, 8.

Perk Daniels outpointed Willie Thomas, 8. Gorilla Morenajo knocked out Juancito Holman, 9. John Kapovich stopped Basher Dean, 4.

Eddie Grace knocked out Abel Gonsalves, 3. Oscar Simms stopped L. C. Petty, 1. Leon Szymurski beat Jack Coley, 8. Cyclone Williams knocked out George McDonald, 2. Lou Houlton stopped Dominick Scappatura, 5.

Erv Sarlin won over Billy Pappas, 6. Gene Jones beat Charlie Crump, 6. Jackie Saunders stopped John Willard, 2. Joe Muscato stopped Bob Miller, 2.

Dave Johnston beat Lee Croft, 10. Roy Hawkins knocked out Jim Dixon, 3. Warren Wilson stopped Charlie Lomski, 3. Al Tumas beat Herb Colby, 6. Charley Roth belted out Johnny White, 6. Austin Johnson beat Willie Applegate, 8.

Wally Sears stopped Howard Berger, 2. Arthur Johnson knocked out Earl Griffin, 2. Joe Cheshul knocked out Cyril Samuels, 1. Reg Andrews beat Charlie Collett, 8. Buddy Komar beat Al Spaulding, 6.

Olle Tandberg outpointed Ken Shaw.

The light-heavyweights fared as follows:

Billy Smith stopped Lloyd Marshall, 9. Frankie Anderson stopped Tommy Burns, 2. Kayo Brown drew with Jack Dubois, 6. Jackie Gilligan beat Herb Colby, 6.

Joe Kahut stopped Buddy Millard, 2. Billy Fox knocked out Ossie Harris, 10. Johnny Rice stopped Willis Parker, 1. Ezzard Charles stopped Billy Duncan, 4, and beat Tex Hubert, 10.

Billy Grant beat Onelio Agramonte, 6. Agramonte stopped Jim Polk, 4. Jimmy Martinez knocked out Ray Acosto, 4. Delaware Brady knocked out Lovelle Perkins, 3. Al Calahan beat Clyde Bowman, 4.

Billy Johnson beat Solly Zalter, 6. Irish Tommy Sullivan knocked out John Henry Eskew, 4. Jim Holden won from George Kaplan, 4. Kid Bauthot stopped Kid Roy, 2.

Al Johnson stopped Larry Russell, 4. Clarence Wilkinson beat Walter Smith, 6. Johnny Best beat Willys Davis, 8. Ken Stribling beat Bill Slater, 8. Joe Green beat Howard Bennett, 6.

Billy Gordon knocked out Luther McMillen, 3. Jackie Gilligan beat Herb Colby, 6. Henry Rich stopped Duncan Curry, 3. Jimmy Evans stopped Charley Lomski, 2.

Roy Taylor and Clyde Bowman drew, 4. Bob Amos beat John Buttram, 5. Harold Reiss knocked out Leroy McQuinn, 3. Luther McMillen beat Johnny Harvey, 6.

Dave White stopped John Pepin, 4. Kid Bouthot knocked out Kid Roy, Walter Woods outpointed Watson Jones, 10. Bob Satterfield knocked out Johnny Clark, 5. Irish Eddie Brinkley stopped Chick Doyle, 2.

Larry Robinson knocked out Lucky Meadows, 2. Harold Reiss knocked out John Buttrom, 1. Ray Harvey stopped Dee Richards, 2. Carman

"THE RING'S" RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending April 12, 1946

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Gus Lesnevich	World's Champion Tony Zale	World's Champion Marty Servo
1—Billy Conn	Archie Moore	Jake LaMotta	Ray Robinson
2—Joe Wolcott	Freddy Mills	Charley Burley	Tippy Larkin
3—Lee Oma	Billy Smith	Rocky Graziano	Beau Jack
4—Tami Mauriello	Billy Fox	Bert Lytell	Johnny Greco
5—Bruce Woodcock	Billy Grant	Holman Williams	Tommy Bell
6—Jimmy Bivins	Lloyd Marshall	Steve Belloise	Jimmy Doyle
7—Elmer Ray	Fitzie Fitzpatrick	Marcel Cerdan	George Costner
8—Joe Baksi	Ezzard Charles	Jimmy Edgar	Sammy Secreet
9—Phil Muscato	Joe Kahut	Coley Welch	Danny Kapilow
10—Tommy Gomez	Walter Woods	Artie Levine	Chuck Taylor

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion International Title vacant	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Jackie Paterson
1—Bob Montgomery (Recognized by N.Y.)	Sal Bartolo (N.B.A. Champion)	Tony Olivera	Bunty Doran
2—Willie Joyce	Phil Terranova	Cliff Anderson	Joe Curran
3—Ike Williams (N.B.A. Champion)	Jackie Graves	David Kui Kong Young	Rinty Monaghan
4—Allie Stolz	Carlos Chavez	Jackie Jurich	Seaman Terry Allen
5—Vic Patrick	Miguel Acevedo	Luis Castillo	Stumpy Butwell
6—Enrique Bolanos	Spider Armstrong	Benny Goldberg	Dick O'Sullivan
7—Johnny Bratton	Eddie Miller	Theo Medina	Tommy Burney
8—John Thomas	Ray Famechon	Sammy Reynolds	Hugh Cameron
9—Frankie Moore	Nel Tarleton	Simon Vergera	Georgie Parks
10—Charley Cabey Lewis	Al Phillips	Luis Galvani	Alex Murphy

DeJohn stopped Jack Garrett, 2. Jimmy Evans knocked out Luther McMillen, 3.

George Evans defeated Leroy Bolden, 6. Jess Slocum stopped Joe Lee, 1. Saint Paul won from Jimmy Nelson, 10. Tony DeMicco knocked out Freddie Salenko, 4.

Ernie Griffin stopped Sam Shumway, 3. Ray Taylor knocked out Hank Morris, 2. Billy Gordon knocked out Johnnie Green, 1. Irish Eddie Brinkley beat Chuck Doyle, 4. Owen Moase beat Bob Peters, 12.

Jack Chase and Bobby Zander drew, 10.

The leading middleweight bouts:

Charlie Burley knocked out Charley Dodson, 3, and Paulie Peters, 1. Peters beat Larry Carter, 10. Jimmy Edgar knocked out Georgie Kochan, 3. Edgar beat Len Wadsworth, 10. Steve Belloise kayoed Baudelio Valencia, 2, and Paul Altman, 1. Jose Basora beat Raul Ochoa, 10.

Jake LaMotta won from Mark Lockman, 10. Joe LaMotta stopped Johnny Johnson, 4, beat Tony Diccio, 8. Coley Welch knocked out Freddie Wilson, 8, and outpointed Sonny Horne in 10. Horne beat Baby Sims, 8.

Holman Williams stopped Johnny Carter, 7. Ruben Shank won from Benny Droll, 10, and then lost to Roy Miller, 10. Cecil Hudson beat Chuck Hunter, 10.

Louis Kid Cocoa beat Billy Morris, 10. Cocoa Kid lost to Bert Lytell, 10. Lytell outpointed Johnny Larver, 10.

Clem Fitzpatrick beat Sammy Cross, 10. Fitzpatrick lost to Lee Black, 8. Ellis Stewart beat Johnny Finazzo, 10.

Leroy Wade knocked out Cecilio Lozada, 2. Young Salvatore beat Billy Mayfield, 6. Buddy Espina knocked out Will Castle, 2. Willard Buckless decisioned Bob Flannagan, 8, and beat Johnny Jones, 10.

Carman DeJohn cooled Jack Hill in 5; stopped Jack Garnett, 2. Sam Baroudi beat Len Wadsworth, 8. Jess Moraney beat Johnny Walker 8; kayoed Young Robinson, 2. Jimmy McDonough beat Rudy Campa, 8. Billy Lancaster beat Al Barbosa, 8.

Kid Wolfe knocked out Joe Evans, 1. Al Pinel beat Norman Briere, 4; stopped Bill Conklin, 5. Ace Wallace beat Paul King, 4. Petey Wade drew with Willie Robinson, 4.

Freddy Lott beat Bill Donahue, 8. Van Kirk beat Pete Hartley, 6. Gene Slater beat Chico Givens, 6. Frankie Gimble beat Bob Castro, 10. Pat Saia beat Bill McDowell, 10.

Tony Canelli beat Sammy Walker, 6. Garfield Coleman beat Frankie Calzo, 4. Fist Deaver drew with Gene Boland, 6. Jimmy Sauer beat Billy Rynne, 6. Bill Stemler knocked out Ray Stanton, 3.

Al Thornton knocked out Jimmy Campbell, 1. Mickey Gimbel beat Dave Saunders. Jimmy Willis beat Jimmy Green, 6. Johnny Roszina beat Art Brown, 8.

Kid Chicken beat Joe Reddick, 10. Cosby Linson beat Vinnie Rossano, 10. Victor Amato knocked out Vic Chambers, 1. Frankie Russell won over Frankie Calzo, 4. Billy Peterson beat Manny Flores, 4. Buddy Farrell knocked out Jerome Frazier, 5. Bill Landry stopped Benny Thomas, 2.

Don Ruggiero drew with Bill Lauderman, 6. Billy Kowal won over Bobby Hicks, 4. Smuggy Hursey beat Al Cortez, 6. Frankie Lacy beat Bob Hart, 6.

Melvin Lucky beat Johnny Taylor, 4. Frankie Les drew with Bobby Van Kirk in 4. Bobby Van Kirk beat Frankie Les, 4. Billy Evans beat Russ Golding, 6. Harold Barksy beat Billy Ellison, 4.

Fred Menna outpointed Willie Ragin, 4. Carmen Casale knocked out Eddie McGee, 2. Clyde Wilson stopped Bill Franklin, 2. Mad Anthony Jones stopped Berlie Lanier, 9. Al LeBreque stopped Benny Thomas, 2.

Bee Bee Washington beat Jimmy Mandell, 10. Joe Relich knocked out Dick Colsetto, 2. Mel Hawkins stopped Don Anderson, 3. Eddie Ahearn stopped Rene Davis, 1.

Maurice Cloutier stopped Harry Tatro, 5; was knocked out by Billy Lancaster in 4. Stanley Derr beat Ralph Leslie, 6. Don Anderson stopped Billy Ryan, 5. DeWitt Dean knocked out Bill Lauderman, 2.

Al Costa won from Freddie Camuso, 10; knocked out Freddie Graham, 8. Tony Petro drew with Billy Wynne, 8. Buddy Espina outpointed Billy Dankar, 4. Bee Bee Washington stopped Ben Davis, 1.

Charley Hayes beat Buddy Farrell, 6. Tony Mancuso beat Gilberto Ramirez, 4. J. C. Wilkens beat Jimmy Elliott, 6. Jimmy Taylor beat Jimmy Farnum, 6. Alby Hollister stopped Harry Watson, 2.

Augie Cast beat Willie Jackson, 6. Donald Duck drew with Nate Hutchins, 4. George Doty beat Buddy Brown, 6. Larry Pacino stopped Al Evans, 2. Tony Shumway beat Ace Wallace, 6.

Ted Drew won from Johnny Mara, 8; stopped Jim Mahoney in 1. Babe Quirion beat Phil Durniere, 6. Johnny Johnson beat Solly Zalter, 8. Frank Lowry beat Vic Chambers, 6. Bill Lauderman stopped Cliff Carden, 2.

George Martin knocked out Eddie Mullane, 2. Tommy Boyd knocked out Rudolph Simmons, 4. Gene Loughridge beat Ralph Mendoza, 4. Billy Johnson beat Bob Hawkins, 4. Carmine Casale stopped Charlie McPherson, 6.

Connie Smith beat Jimmie Crans, 4. Eddie O'Neil beat Willie Edmonds, 6. Gene Bolden stopped Larry Ray, 3. Bill Stemler outpointed Paul Darby, 4.

Steve Sabatino stopped Johnny Rellich, 2. George Riley stopped Jim Maxwell, 2. Bill Callaghan knocked out Jack Collins, 7. Charley Chaney stopped Solly Zalter, 2; stopped Charlie Perkins, 3. Tom Merrill knocked out Don Anderson, 2.

Baudelio Valencia outpointed Nick Melli, 6. Juan Serrano beat Eddie Steele, 10. Russ Baxter beat Johnny King, 10.

Johnny O'Brien stopped Jimmy Crow, 6. Mickey Santisero and Dan Ruggiero drew in 4. Gene Farland stopped Jim McKeagney, 2. Bob Timpson won from Jack Patton, 8. Pedro Bass knocked out Emmet Harris, 3. Georgie Williams beat Frankie Gillen, 6.

Charley Coats beat Jimmy Hayden, 6. George Ronstadt beat Pedro Jiminez, 6. Eddie Halligan stopped Gene Cartwright, 3. Rodey MacDonald beat Lew Perez, 6.

Aaron Perry knocked out Jiggs Donahue, 3. Danny Martin and Tony Riccio drew in 10. Gene Roberts outpointed Pedro Cobe, 6. Ron Jose knocked out Joe Hawkins, 9. Len Dittmer beat Ray Dunn, 12.

Jack Kirkham stopped Allan Westbury, 10. Wylie Burns drew with Kid Wolf, 4. Al Callahan beat Bob Guess, 6. Ralph Dougherty outpointed Danny Aldridge, 6. Frankie Anderson stopped Bob Rynne, 3. Jimmy Daly stopped George Bland, 2.

K.O. Brown stopped Kid Norman, 3. Freddy Menna stopped Freddy Burns, 2. Vic Amato knocked out Harry Gary, 2. Bill Parsons outpointed Pete Spotti, 10. George Humes beat Bat Stroud, 6.

Tony Cook stopped Slugger Brown, 2. George Panther knocked out Tony Nadeau, 2. Benny Thomas knocked out Hamlin Hamilton, 3. Thomas knocked out Leo Donais, 2; Donais stopped John Stanley, 1.

Tony Petrie knocked out Billy Rynne, 4. Frank Lee stopped Emanuel Martin, 2. Jackie Gilligan beat Alex Rebark, 6. John DeMaio stopped Teddy Wilson, 1. Jerry Frazier knocked out John Williams, 1. Ritchie Sands beat Al Walker, 12.

Al Johnson beat Maxie Spoon, 6. Buddy Farrell beat Beau Dollar, 8. Jimmy Moon outpointed Oscar Hodnett, 6. Brown Bomber knocked out Jimmy Carr, 1. Al Pinel beat Jimmy Manning, 4.

Mel Hawkins stopped Lew Perez, 6. Bill Lauderman knocked out Charley Perkins, 4. Lincoln Stanley knocked out Bobby Volk, 7. Gene Boland outpointed Solly Sanchez, 6. Buddy Rose stopped Sol Badame, 3. Larry Pacino knocked out Joey Greco, 2. Melvin Brown beat Billy Mayfield, 4. Max Cameron beat Dal Conway, 12.

Eddie Clayton stopped Billy Hagan, 2. Jimmy Dunn stopped Pete Russo, 2. Jerry Boisvert beat Billy Lancaster, 8. Al Tanquay stopped John Marquis, 2.

Lightning Clark drew with Percy Cooper, 6. Don Byrd stopped Hi Ho Silver, 2. Larry Gibson knocked out Charley Smith, 3. Wally Burns beat Al Barlow, 6. Joe Governale defeated Larry Fontana, 8. Billy Carubia stopped Teddy Odell, 3.

Bob Boucher knocked out Felix Morales, 1. Tony Bertucci beat Nate Hutchins, 4. George Teague beat Armand DeMateo, 4. Pete Mead outpointed Curley Denton, 8. Jimmy McDonough knocked out Gilberto Ramirez, 2. Mel Hawkins stopped Billy Lee, 4. Steve Sabatino knocked out Baudelio Valencia, 5. Teddy Wilson and Bill Lauderman drew in 4.

Charlie O'Kelly knocked out Willie Butler, 3. Johnny Roszina outpointed Art Brown in 10. Walter Coombs stopped Jimmy Carr, 3. Roy Immondi knocked out Mickey Colton, 1. Billy Landry knocked out Johnny Pepin, 6. Billy Kowal knocked out Arthur Biggs, 1.

George Williams won from Al Cortez, 6. Mickey Gibbs beat Nick Longon, 4. William Brent beat Bill Franklin, 4.

Jerry Frazier stopped Ed Fay, 1. John Taylor won from Meyer Siegel, 6. Roddy McDonald stopped Johnny DeMaio, 2. John Anderson defeated Caesar Ferro, 6. Hy Bronstein stopped Roy Williams, 4. William McPhail outpointed Clem Fitzpatrick, 8. Ernie Durando beat Cliff Garden, 4. Billy Cooper outpointed Pedro Cobe, 6.

Wayne Parker knocked out John O'Day, 4. Harry Gary stopped Eddie Richardson, 2. Lou Amayo knocked out Chris Adams, 3. DeWitt Dean stopped Ace McCloskey, 4. Sam Barodi beat George Riley, 8.

Maurice Cloutier stopped Mickey Colton, 3. Charles Larue drew with Jerry Cook, 4. Al Robinson stopped Billy Davis, 1. Vic Amato beat Lew Perez, 6. Art Tate stopped Mark Buddy, 1.

Gene Farland defeated Solly Zalter, 8. Vinnie Vines beat Stanley Simms, 10. Nelson Hawkins stopped Henry Kid Robinson, 6. Johnny Eagles defeated Jimmy Mulligan, 8. Red Doty stopped Lee Black, 2. Bat Stroud and Frank Moran drew in 6. Eddie Ahearn beat Bob Hicks, 4.

Al Callahan beat Henry Rich, 4. Jerry Fraser knocked out Clinton Perry, 2. Frankie Anderson knocked out Eddie Davis, 2. Tom Ellis and Lee Rosen drew in 6. Benny Thomas beat Al Pinel, 6. Bob Ryan won over Ray Iamondi, 4.

Joe Evans beat Jimmy Moore, 6. Buddy Jackson outpointed Tony Ryles, 6. Bernard McCloskey knocked out Baudelio Valencia, 3. Roddy McDonald knocked out Lionel Johnson, 2. Jim Pettie stopped Jim Davis, 1.

Tommy Mara stopped Art Shepard, 2. Walter Duval knocked out Cyril Gittens, 1. Joe Curcio stopped Jimmy Mills, 6. Mickey Doyle knocked out Larney Moore, 9.

Tony Zale knocked out Ira Hughes, 2. Fritzie Zivic won from Lincoln Stanley, 10. Joe Blackwood held Joey LaMotta to a draw in 10.

Here are the welterweight contests:

Rocky Graziano knocked out Marty Servo, 2 (overweight bout). Tony Janiro whipped Ernie "Cat" Robinson, 8; Willie Watkins, 8; kayoed Vic Pignatore, 4. Patsy Spataro was disqualified for hitting the referee in his bout with Freddie Archer in the 3rd heat.

Ray Robinson knocked out Freddy Flores, 5. Tippy Larkin beat Nick Moran, 10. Eddie Smith beat Harvey Dubs, 10. Freddie Dixon kayoed Bobby Lakin, 8; lost to Jackie Wilson, 12.

Kid Azteca knocked out Jose Legon, 3. Henry Jordan won over Bobby Ruffin, 10. Barry Wright beat Al Coutoure, 10. Tony Marteliano beat Phil Palmer, 10; lost to Chuck Taylor, 10.

Fritzie Zivic won from Levi Southall, 10; lost to Tony Elizondo, 10; drew with Manuel Villa, 10. Sammy Secreet outpointed Billy Walker, 10; Harold Green, 10.

Harry Preston beat Baby Armstrong, 6. Ramsey McKnight drew with Howard Blehyl, 10. Shamus McCray knocked out Johnny Virgo, 1. Bobby McIntire beat Murray Cain, 10.

Pat Scanlon beat Enrique Rodea, 8; stopped Chico Barrado, 4. Al Mobley beat Freddy Sammons, 8. Young Nearly beat George Voskey, 4.

Len Bickford knocked out Bill Bernier, 2. Roland Gomes was disqualified for kicking Gihooley O'Malley.

Charlie Fusari beat Ralph Walton, 10; Joe Peralta, 10; Nunzio Ferrera, 10. Doug Carter beat Johnny Fry, 6; Pat Byers, 6. Ferrera beat George Larover, 10.

Pat Byers beat George Williams, 6; knocked out Johnny Taylor, 5. Jimmy Meade beat George Johnston, 4. John Littlejohn beat Bob Summers, 4. Manny Gomez beat Bulldog Camagueyano, 10. Hoofer Young beat Eddie George, 4. Virgin Crook stopped Lefty Lavoldi, 1. Jos Johnson beat Noel Doman, 6. Darcy Donoghue beat Harry Russell, 4.

Leonard Pruitt beat Wimpey Carter, 4. Joe Barnum knocked out Eddie Moran, 2. Ernie Guisti beat Bob Cummings, 10.

Wayland Douglas knocked out Beverly Carter, 3; lost to Mayhew Smith, 8. Al Michaud knocked out Bert Chisholm, 2; stopped by Ed Letourneau, 1.

Pat Dyer beat John Thomas, 6. Thomas beat Mickey Gibbs, 4. Gibbs defeated Nick Londos, 4. McCoy Jones knocked out John Asay, 5. Bobby Yaeger beat Tony Chavez, 10.

Vince LaSalva outpointed Ralph Zannelli, 10. LaSalva lost to Norman Rubio, 8. Rubio also beat Oscar Suggs, 10; stopped Ralph Walton, 9. Sonny Hill knocked out Johnny Chavez, 3.

George Hill beat Bob Winters, 6. Jackie Lewis halted Red Feese, 5. Henry Majcher and Clyde Gordon drew in 10. Gabby Ferland beat Buster Beaupre, 10. Tommy Ciarlo won over Dudley DeJean, 6. Tony Cerruto stopped Jim Della, 5.

Jimmy Wynn knocked out Vic Costa, 3. Tony Vero knocked out Al Franklin, 5; beat Milt Latimer, 8. Charley Sabatelle beat Joe Murphy, 8.

Rocco Rossano beat Pat Murray, 6. Mike DeCosmo knocked out Gunnar Larsen, 2. Bobby Morgan beat George Paliotta, 4. Dixie Fleming beat Johnny Romero, 6. Cappy Wooten stopped Manny Revelas, 4.

Eddie Ryan beat Willie Tatum, 6. Gene Lockridge won from Del Campo Provost, 4. Sammy Adragna knocked out Frankie Gillen, 8. Dennis McCabe knocked out Johnny Sawyer, 2. Eddie Fox stopped Billy Griffin, 1. Sparky Reynolds stopped Willie Jenkins, 4.

Jimmy Gagnon knocked out Eddie George, 4. Frankie Foley beat Jimmy McLarnin, 8. Stan Reitzner beat Al Jackson, 4. Johnny DeMaio beat Hugh Stell, 6.

Larry Whitney knocked out Jack Garrity, 1. Bobby Holt beat Willie Odom, 6. George Hairston beat Baby Banks, 4. Buster Beaupre stopped Johnny Larue, 8. Joe Fagan knocked out Harry Smith, 2; Ellis Simley, 3; Sonney Bentley, 2. Tommy Jessup knocked out Pat Gill, 1. Paul Midiri beat Joe Tambe, 6.

Johnny Chapman beat Archie Bower, 8. Johnny Priest won from Billy Napper, 10. Willard Hauseman won from Llewellyn Strohlin, 6. Chet Vinci beat Otis Jackson, 6.

Joe Davis beat Artie Brown, 5. Eddie Smith beat Pat Scanlon, 10. Bobby Garcia won over Bobby Cummings, 8; beat Jackie Conners, 6.

George Baltieri beat Edward Chapman, 6. Joe Curcio stopped Patsy Giordano, 6. Joey Bagnato beat Lucio Lima, 10. Charley Parham stopped Paul Reilly, 5.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Bernie Reynolds, Cliffside, N. J.

Light-heavyweight—Bobby Dare, Buffalo, N. Y.

Middleweight—Bobby Conway, Manchester, N. H.

Welterweight—Joe Lucignano, Jersey City, N. J.

Lightweight—Billy Smith, Medford, Mass.

Featherweight—Dick Salois, Holyoke, Mass.

Bantamweight—Benny Rivera, Mexico City

Flyweight—Little Tony, Ybor City, Fla.

Charlie Pope stopped Joe Richards, 1. Mike DeStephano won from Johnny Brooks, 6. Freddie Addeo won from Joe Torrens, 6. Gus Mell drew with Johnny Cesario, 10.

Jimmy Mooney and Tommy Belmont drew in 10. Don Lee knocked out Jimmy McDaniels, 8. Norman Griere beat Leo Stack, 4. Al Highers knocked out Gerard D'Lia, 3.

Russ Hawkins stopped Chip Jones, 3. Bob Winters knocked out Bob Lewis, 3. Len Bickford beat Harry Cooper, 6. George Vokey beat Norman Nealey, 4.

Clarence "Cotton" King drew with Frankie Ross, 10. Milt Varsas knocked out Al Jackson, 2. Stanley Reitzner stopped Billy Lockett, 3. Eddie Buck beat Charley Dotson, 6.

Billy Kelly beat Jimmy Cannonball, 4. Lew Burke beat Carter Holmes, 6. Chris Sponsel stopped Roy Jones, 2. Al Highers stopped Gerard D'Lia, 3.

Tommy Smith knocked out Teddy Wilson, 2. Roman Alvarez won from Bobby Cummings, 8. Art Foster stopped Al Diaz, 2. Sel Hamilton beat Clarrie Gordon, 12.

Joseph Johnson beat Bill Dexter, 6. Harry Russell won from Bill Wilson, 4. Young Burgess beat Jim Logan, 4. George Sands stopped Jimmy Fraser, 6. Bill Thompson knocked out Don Cameron, 1, and beat Battling Hai, 8. Cyril Gallie beat Battling Hai, 8.

Gus Scott stopped Don Uzar, 2. Cliff Carden won over Len Harding, 4. Rocco Rossano stopped Gunnar Larsen, 4.

Johnny Bell beat Carey Mace, 5. Dave Andrews knocked out Johnny Rico, 1. Pat Murray beat Enrique Rodea, 8. Fred Rufus knocked out Ralph Cappola, 4.

Jimmy Thurman knocked out Art Sheppard, 4. Jimmy Gagnon beat Eddie Hudson, 6. Walter Gomez stopped Gil O'Malley, 2. Al Healey stopped Pat Kid O'Neill, 4.

Blaine Macomber beat Rocky Sullivan, 4. Lennie Lavoie knocked out Ray Atlas, 3. Lou Bourque stopped Al George, 3. Tommy Jessup knocked out Steve Bellus, 1.

Joey Varoff defeated Vic Costa, 8. Johnny Vann stopped Gilberto Ramirez, 1. Irving Palefsky beat Artie Tedesco, 8. Hockey Bennell beat Clem Sands, 12.

Bill Ivory beat Mick Callaghan, 12. Max Brander beat Ray Clover, 6. Eric Story beat Teddy Carroll, 8. Mickey Dooley won from Stan Smith, 12.

Harry Preston beat Artie Brown, 5. Kid Filipino outpointed Sparky Reynolds, 10.

Tony LaRocca knocked out Bomar Macklin, 1. George Salamone stopped Billy Marcus, 6. Nat Hutchins stopped Jimmy Alexander, 3. Lou Valles beat Howard Brodt, 6. Brodt then stopped Jimmy Thompson, 6. Frankie Gromada beat Willie Odom, 6. Joe Lucignano stopped Jackie Connors, 3. Len Harding beat Bobby Morgan, 4.

Young Bryant outpointed Young Ryne, 4. Hoofer Young beat Eddie George, 4. Bobby Conway knocked out Joe Keenan, 1. Dolly King won on a foul from Billy Napper, 6.

Pete Noka beat Joe Palaza, 4. Ray Brown stopped Al Coutoure, 1. Eddie Letourneau stopped Eddie Bangs, 1, and Johnny Priest, 1. Jimmy Pierce won over Ruby Garcia, 8.

Jimmy Rogers beat Tom McDaniels, 8. Kid Ras beat Kid Victoria, 4. Kid Peters knocked out Kid Mingo, 4. Kid Machalito stopped Kid Cafe, 10. Hal Robbins stopped Tom Wallace, 4. Gerard D'Lia beat Frankie Parchia, 6.

Genaro Rojo beat Vic Grupico, 10. Ray Lewis won from Spider Jensen, 10. Rudy Campa beat Cosby Linson, 10. Johnny Woods stopped Billy Zaduk, 4.

Fist Dever defeated Martin Doyle, 6. Terry Smith drew with Harry Marshall, 4. Frankie Conti beat George Schultz, 10. Leo Prince knocked out Eddie Hudson, 4. Al Marquis beat Tony Tanguay, 4. Charlie Herman stopped John Scott, 2.

Lou Jackson knocked out Billy Myers, 5. Al Velez won from Jimmy Wynn, 8. Billy Lee drew with Billy Mayberry, 4. Dave Andrews stopped Georgie Johnson, 5. Johnny Freeman defeated Billy Barbour, 6. Johnny Green beat Gabby Poulin, 6. Richard Polite stopped Paulie Jackson 5.

Ralph Costello beat Johnny Mazza, 6. Joe Jennings decisioned Morris Elliott, 4. Kid Griffin drew with Ray Izzi, 4. Jasper O'Hanley beat Frank Parchia, 6.

George Larover won over Julie Kogon, 8. Ivan Thornton beat Billy Bubbell, 4. Clyde Gordon whipped Oscar Williams, 6. Joe Lucignano stopped Pat Gill, 1.

Al Franklin beat Pat Murray, 8. Buster Beaupre stopped George Gervin, 1. Joe Murphy knocked out Charley Sabatelle, 2. Tony Falco beat Johnny Lovett, 8. Frankie Fener outpointed Joe Celetti, 10. Terry O'Toole stopped Eddie Crane, 11. Paddy Boxali beat Mickey Miller, 2. Ken Alexander won on a foul from Jack Daniels, 6.

Charley Johnston knocked out Joe Anderson, 1. Morris Gorman defeated Billy Dougherty, 4. George Paliotta beat Eddie O'Tash, 4. Jackie Darthard stopped Billy Strunk, 2.

Ray Johnson beat George Graytack, 6. Jackie Minard stopped Dom Pater, 2. Cliff Turner knocked out Fred Stevens, 2. Jess Moraney belted out Ellis Phillips, 4.

Bobby Summers beat Dick Mack, 6. Walter Gomes beat Pete Noka, 6. Lee Britto defeated Frankie Yoya, 6. E. Richmond stopped Tony Cerreto, 1.

Chuck Hunter beat Chester Slider, 10. Alberto Avala stopped Jimmy Webster, 1. Texas Kid stopped Bill Bernier, 1. Young Gagnon beat Everett Hodgkins, 4. Ray Powell outpointed Billy Grier, 8.

Tony Vero won over Milo Theodorescu, 6. Jimmy Mooney stopped Pat Doyle, 5. Eddie Mayo knocked out Armand Michaud, 1. Al Mendez stopped Bernie Harper, 2.

Vince Gambill outpointed Charley Howard, 6. Doug Carter and Harry Hurst drew in 10. Jimmy Rizzo stopped Oscar St. Pierre, 5. Rudy Florio beat Young Corbett IV, 6. Billy Smith beat Pete Noka, 4.

Billy Napper won over Steve Bellus, 8. Rocco Rossano stopped Nick Melli, 4, and stopped Vic Rescano, 4. Neva Esparza won over Phil Palmer, 10. Pat Murray beat Patsy Zoccano, 8. Patsy Zoccano stopped Tony DeSalvo, 3. Red Lobley beat Tom Stanton, 2. Wally Burns beat Norman Gent, 12.

Lightweights fared as follows:

Willie Joyce drew with Danny Kapilow, 10, and Bobby Zollo, 10. Bob Montgomery knocked out Ernie Petrone, 4. Ike Williams stopped Eddie Grosa, 1.

Bobby Ruffin won from Hubert Samuels, 8, and lost to Henry Jordan, 10. Mike Raffa lost to Eddie Bertolino in 10, beat Paulie Jackson, 10, and beat Eddie Bertolino, 10.

Tony Costa handed Tommy Greb his first loss in 28 fights, winning in 10 rounds. Costa then went on to beat George Knox in 10.

Frankie Moore knocked out Chalky Wright, 1, and beat Paul Reguejo, 10. Roman Alvarez beat Joey Peralta, 10. Eddie Lander stopped Johnny Farrell, 5, and Mike Gravino, 3.

Julio Jiminez outpointed Cleo Shans, 10. Al Irwin kayoed Abel Lucero, 10. Dennis Pat Brady knocked out Al Cella, 1. Corky Davis kayoed Russ Barnes in 2. George Neubeck knocked out Frankie Les, 3. Joe Marmo beat Al Marrone, 6.

Leroy Willis beat Eddie Marcus, 10. John Thomas beat Memo Danes, 10. Joey Carkido stopped Roberto Ramirez, 5, won from Jackie Connors in 8. Archie Stock beat Harry Diduck, 6. Bobby Water drew with Matt Parker, 8. Young Terryo knocked out Lennie Lavoie, 2. Phil Woods beat Tony Ancona, 6.

J. C. Ross beat Red LaVasseur, 5. Buddy Samarco beat Bobby Tinston. Joey Mace beat Joe Marino, 4. Benny Calla beat Nate Huskey, 10. Pedro Firpo beat Candy McDaniels, 10, and stopped Jimmy Collins, 4.

Charles Lewis beat Patsy Brandino, 10, stopped Patsy Giovanelli, 7, and outpointed Joey Angelo, 10. Giovanelli stopped Charley Varre, 6.

Chester Rico beat Dom Amoroso, 10, and Victor Moreno in 10. Pat Kitt won over Rudy Progano, 8, and Sammy Zelman, 6. Charley Miegel beat Julian Malavez, 6. Ken Hilton knocked out Tony Jackson, 4. Bud Labby beat Eddie Hudson, 6.

Morris Kapp knocked out Frank Ferry, 1. Tony Florentino stopped Eddie Lee, 2. Alvin Jordan won from Maxie Shapiro, 10. Maxie Shapiro defeated Jackie Leamus, 10. Sammy Cicerella knocked out Dick Miller, 2.

Dick Jones won over Frankie DeCarlo, 6. Young Junior beat Chuck Kelly, 6. Blaine Macomber won over Pat Smith, 4. Al Lewis beat Russ Barnes, 4. Leo Rodak beat Bobby McIntire, 10. McIntire then beat Maxie Starr in 10.

Joe Celetti won from Tommy Moore in 10. Jackie Perkins beat Steve Bellus, 8. Fred Jaeger beat Jasper O'Hanley, 6. Johnny LaRusso beat Sammy Zelman, 4. Zelman beat Joe Kriskis, 4. Joe Kriskis won from Billy Gibbons, 4. James Carter beat Joey Kriskis, 4. Zelman defeated Nick Darby, 6. Kriskis beat Clifton Bordies, 4.

Al Robbins knocked out Billy Gibbons, 1. Joe Schultz stopped Honeyboy Villa, 5. Nunzio Carto stopped Jorge Rocco, 2. Willie Russell knocked out Billy Roberts, 2.

James Carter outpointed Clifton Bordies, 4. B-29 Banks beat Eddie Lyles, 4. Juste Fontaine beat Hubert Samuels, 10.

Jimmy Collins stopped Rocky Progano, 5. Carroll Southerner knocked out Ray Moore, 6. Doug Ratford beat Johnny Forte, 8. Ritchie Labohri drew with Denny Sargent, 4.

Al Victoria beat Billy Justine, 6. Joey Iannotti stopped Gene Davis, 6. Eden Germaine beat Henry Briere, 8. Roland Prairie knocked out Ted Cameron, 6. Al Robbins stopped Ray Ellison, 4.

Lenny Richards beat Eddie West, 6. Mickey Wilson stopped Boots Barnes, 2. Rudy Cruz beat Tony Mar, 10. Al Starling stopped Jimmy Spencer, 3.

Patrick O'Malley was disqualified for rough tactics in his bout with Tommy Sheldon, 3. Eddie Sangster beat Joey Alvino, 6. Henry Roberts knocked out Stacky Rowe, 1. Charlie Dominic knocked out Jimmy Brewer, 1.

Vic Creelman beat Nick Primiani, 8. Billy Seep won from Jimmy Pieniazek, 4. Frank Taylor stopped Bobbie Maloney, 7. Joe Hall beat Bobby Fuller, 12.

Tommy Daniels beat Frankie Rosen, 4. Johnny LaRusso knocked out Clifton Bordies, 4. Art Cooper beat Paul Jackson, 8. Frankie Carto stopped Willie Weasel, 9. Ralph Costello defeated Don Murray, 6. Bud Labbe stopped Everett Hodgkins, 1.

Jack Weber beat Jimmy Pitts, 6, and Allie Wolfe in 6. Jimmy Rizzo stopped Floriant Desmarais, 7. Charlie Celeste beat Tony Nardo, 4. Jerry Darby knocked out Honeyboy Villa, 5.

Roy Andrews stopped Gene LeBlanc, 4. Johnny Woods knocked out Morris Kapp, 5. Fred Cappola stopped Cy Mussanello, 1. Jimmy Sciarra knocked out Windy Miller, 3. Rafael Lustre beat Diego Sosa, 10. Joe Carkido beat Joe Manfro, 6, and Lou Daniels, 8. Santa Bucca won over Doug Ratford, 8. Ray Carter beat Maxie Shapiro, 10.

Leo Milito beat Charley Noel, 8. Harold Robbins stopped Lou Anderson, 2. Billy Simmons beat Everett Chapman, 4. Dick Schiavone outpointed Billy Bibbins, 4. Archie Stock defeated Joe Marmo, 6.

Danny Randi knocked out Oscar Williams, 2. George Pitt beat Alan Stewart, 10. Jack Leggett won from Al Moore, 4. Charlie Noble beat Young Stenner, 4. Frank Dee defeated Young Fink, 4.

Sam Haskins beat Silent Anest, 6. Al Escobar decisioned Bert White, 6. Santiago Riviera stopped Tommy Wells, 7. Freddie Yeager won from Lou Daniels, 6. Georgie Neubeck beat Willie Thomas, 6.

Eddie O'Tash stopped Eddie Reardon, 3. Billy Smith beat Freddy Gilbo, 4. Charlie Kelley drew with Kid Connoyer, 6. Tommy Murphy beat Ralph Trudeau, 4.

Al Lewis won from Tom Shelton, 4. Lew Burke stopped Carter Holmes, 3. Patsy Franko beat John Land, 6. Lloyd Hudson beat Paul Bangs, 8, stopped Ted Wells, 4, and defeated Johnny Campbell, 8.

Lou Prince outpointed Pete Mirabella, 8. Frankie Foley beat Jimmy McLarnin, 10. Tony Monty and Billy Carroll drew in 8. Lou Cassiano stopped Speedy Hooks, 6.

Roland Prairie lost to Al Gualteri, 4. Tony Rodriguez knocked out Boykin Bourgeois, 8. Bobby McQuillar beat Art Price, 8. Tony Ancona drew with Phil Wood, 6.

Nunzio Carto stopped Johnny Strawberry, 1. Ray Small beat Chick Cloutier, 4. Larry Thomas beat Matt Parker, 6. Hubert Morris beat Dave Waters, 6.

Paddy DeMarco beat Gunnar Larsen, 6. Walt Kolby knocked out Dusty Rhodes, 1. Danny Saunders knocked out Don Fredoric, 1. Billy Callahan stopped Billy Dayton, 3.

Joey Schultz outpointed Allie Wolfe, 6. Roy Andrews stopped Eddie Connelly, 2. Bobby Quinn stopped Eddie Moran, 3. Dennis McCabe knocked out Ralph Mack, 1. Speedy Hooks beat Ray Allison, 4.

Lenny Richards stopped Marvin Jones, 2. Frankie Foley beat Bobby Cummings, 8. Jimmie Mason beat Joey Kushner, 6. Louis Cassiano outpointed Lou Daniels, 6. Vinnie DeMarco beat Gabby Ferland, 6. John Thomas (N. Y.) beat Harold Robbins, 4. Jimmy Corti knocked out Don Madrid, 6. Chick Blair stopped Al Johnson, 3. Elmer Ward drew with Luther Reynolds, 4.

Frankie Gaudes outpointed Billy Reed, 6. Jimmy Rizzo was disqualified in a bout with Bob Pooler, 6. Art Foster knocked out Bob Henry, 1. Billy Seep outpointed Jimmy Pieniazek, 4.

Archie Goodby decisioned Joe Montiero, 6. Billy Strauss beat Johnny Wells, 4. Freddy Gilbo drew with Eddie Moran, 4. Charlie Spino stopped Harold Tate, 1. Harry Trott beat John Parvia, 2.

Paul Midiri beat Harry Diduck, 6. Billy Simmons stopped Johnny Ortega, 1. John LaRusso stopped Billy Gibbons, 3. Chuck Martin knocked out Milton Glass, 2.

Dave Marsh stopped Chuck Lloyd, 4. Jackie Weber outpointed Jasper O'Hanley, 8. Kenny Hilton knocked out Henry Hines, 2. Al Highers stopped Bill Nelson, 5. Bobby Wooster knocked out Ray Daounte, 5.

Lucio Lima stopped Frankie Conti, 4. Doug Ratford won over Freddy Sammons, 8. Booker Hodges knocked out Ed White, 2. Ray Carter stopped Frankie Lieberman, 4. Young Vero beat Ray Small, 4. Maurice Nelson stopped Reggie Johnson, 3. Vernon Ball drew with Syd Morgan, 10.

Johnny Bratton upset Freddie Dawson in 10. Joey Angelo defeated Pete Virgin, 10.

The featherweight contests:

Willie Pep defeated Jackie Wilson, 10, and stopped Georgie Knox, 3. Sal Bartolo beat Dennis Pat Brady, 10.

Spider Armstrong knocked out Jackie Harris, 4. Fabela Chavez beat Sammy Anders, 6. Phil Terranova outpointed Aponte Torres, 10. Timothy (Buddy) Hayes won from Midget Mayo in 10, and Benny May, 10.

Ted Christie won over Arbie Bowie, 8. Ham Wiloby stopped Ted Christie, 4. Tony Roberts beat Lloyd Bath, 8. Freddy Hermann kayoed Speedy Hooks, 5.

Leo Mucucci beat Bobby English, 10. Tommy Monty K.O.'ed Jimmy Esposito, 1. Buddy Christman beat Eli Golindo, 10. Jimmy Owen beat Bobby Nelson, 4.

Filberto Osario beat Raul Madrid, 6. Larry Sloan beat Billy Pinti, 6. Jackie Lynn beat Frankie Brancati, 6. Martin Taber knocked out Tony Roberts, 5.

David Young and Yasu Yusutake drew in 8. Marcial Baptiste stopped Al Ganigan, 2. William Legree and George Wright drew in 6. Wright beat Al Cella, 6.

Davey Allen beat Lou Daniels, 8. Jean Richard stopped Johnny Robinson, 3. Eddie Compo beat Filberto Osario, 6.

Hubert Gagnier knocked out Joe Herbert, 1. Spider Hatcher beat Jimmy Pitts, 6. Charley Kelley drew with Ivan Jones, 6. Jackie McCoy beat Ruperto Garcia, 4.

Roosevelt Bonner drew with Johnny Martinez, 4. Eddie Thomas stopped Johnny Settles, 4. Freddie Hernandez beat Johnny Powell, 4. Ted Sprouter beat Joe Bissaker, 12.

Al Thornycroft stopped Ern Ritchie, 3. Frank Kelly drew with Gus Ross, 4. Jackie Floyd beat

Archie Wilmer, 10. Jimmy Callura won from Benny May, 8. Sandy Saddler outpointed Johnny Wolgast, 8. Paul Febbo won from Joe Rodriques, 8. Johnny Wolgast beat Willie Alexander, 8. Archie Goodby beat Young Junior, 6. Joe Dolan outpointed Danny Carabella, 8. Archie Devino outpointed Edgar Bennett, 6. Herbie Jones won from Pete Virgin, 8. Al Pennino stopped Leo Lebron, 5. Paul Frichette beat Eddie DeAngeles, 8, and stopped Chuck Jackson, 7. Arthur King won from Juan Manuel, 8. Wilfredo Miro stopped Melquiado Diaz, 3.

Jim Brady knocked out Al Tate, 1. Tony Roberts beat Joe Schultz, 6. Tony Moreno beat Joe Tambe, 6. Jackie Lynn knocked out Eugene Davis, 2. Artie Devino beat Johnny Settles, 6.

El Tigre beat Kid Patrana, 6. Pete Virgin stopped Tommy Teato, 3. Joe Tambe beat Davey Allen, 6.

Cedric Flournoy knocked out Irish Billy Miller, 1. Joey Longo beat Jimmy Ricco, 6. Artie Devino beat Johnny Settles, 6. Devino drew with George Wright, 6.

Duane Hoag beat Bert White, 10. Charlie Fields beat Johnny Pitts, 4. Freddie Pope drew with Delgado, 10.

John Christaldi outpointed William Legree, 6. Eddie Compo defeated Billy Alexander, 8. Jock Leslie knocked out Pee Wee Flores, 3. Joey Wasnick drew with Joey Dell, 6. Jackie Lyons beat Pedro Biesca, 6.

Kid Williams drew with Tony Genearo, 8. Jimmy Callura stopped Jimmy Jeanette, 3. Paulie Cook drew with Jackie Turner, 6. Freddie Steele stopped John Archuleta, 3. Archuleta stopped Jimmy Ogden, 2. Howard Jackson beat Johnny Gaudes, 6.

Al Turner beat Ritchie Mvashiro, 4. Kid Connoyer drew with Charlie Kelley, 6. Brown Lee outpointed Jim Ricco, 6.

Clement Rodriquez beat Al Rodriquez, 4. Al Sforza stopped Frankie Martin, 1. Buddy Smallwood knocked out Jose Mandina, 3.

Tommy Monty knocked out Billy Carroll, 6. Tito Valles outpointed Sammy Zelman, 6. George Junior won over Johnny Longo, 6. Mimmie Adragna outpointed Augie Lapara, 10. Frankie Williams stopped George Thomas, 8. Tom Smith K.O.'ed Ernie Juno, 3. Kev. McLean beat Len Morris, 4. Bert Jones beat Mel Ivy, 4. Mickey Walker won over Cliff Jones, 8. Jimmy Stubbs beat Johnny Molloy, 10. Bert Jackson beat Len Davies, 8.

Jackie Graves defeated Pedro Hernandez, 8. Chico Morales knocked out Ray "Sugar" Delgado, 6. Jimmy McAllister whipped Filberto Osario, 10. Paul Febbo won over Lou Alter, 8.

The bantamweight bouts:

Manuel Ortiz, bantamweight champion, drew with Carlos Chavez in a 15-round non-title fight. Jackie Paterson was awarded victory on a foul in the eighth round from Theo Medina in their European bantamweight championship bout.

Frankie Rivera beat Benny May, 8. Paul Conley beat Ben Charette, 6. Flivver McGee beat Kid Lotter, 4. Sparkey Doucette knocked out Silver Magee, 1, and Ralph Trudeau, 3.

Mick McKay beat Mickey Hill, 12. Dick O'Sullivan stopped Stan Mott, 4. Mickey Carr beat Len Young, 10. Sparkey Doucette knocked out Art Courtier, 1. Reta Soto beat Baby Gallo, 6. Val Valentine beat Pee Wee Swingler, 6. Tony Nardo beat Ralph Trudeau, 4. Jimmy Webster K.O.'ed Tim Mahoney, 2.

Benny Goldberg outpointed Pedro Ramirez, 10.

Flyweight contests:

Al Chavez beat Dado Marino, 6. Johnny Badime stopped Teddy Duart, 3. Billy James and Paul Cloutier drew in six heats.

IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

IN one of the biggest upsets of the year, Frankie Moore, local Negro slugger, won on a first-round knockout over the veteran Chalky Wright, top-rocking lightweight, in a ten-rounder at the Oakland Auditorium.

Moore, who when in the mood, can be a top-notcher, but not too often in same, outboxed the cagy Wright for more than two minutes and then let go with one of his Sunday punches and dropped the Mexican Negro for the full count.

In the semi-final, Georgie Evans, discharged army boy, won over Leroy Bolden, Negro, in six rough, tough rounds. Evans, a comer a few years back, should do well on his "comeback."

Gil Mojica, 170, local light-heavyweight, scored a two round kayo over Leroy Bolden, 169, in the card of five six-rounders at National Hall. Mojica leveled too many hard blows for the Negro boy, who proved an easy prey.

Other results: Larry (Carter) Cartwright, 158, outpointed Buster Peakes, 158, in six fast heats; Pedro Jiminez, 150, stopped Gene Cartwright, 156, brother of Larry, in two sessions. Cartwright received a cut eye; Young Salvador, 148, and Billy Mayfield, 154, drew in six slugging rounds; Lants Tringale, 143, North Beach Italian, and Bobby Jones, 147, drew in six of the opener.

In a fast, action plus battle, Eddie Prince, Eastern Negro, held veteran Verne Bybee, Brisbane buzzsaw, to a ten-round draw at the Coliseum Bowl.

Before a capacity crowd, Prince showed his best, while Bybee proved after only two bouts he is not ready for too good a fighter.

The newcomer is as busy as a bee throughout his fights and is a terrific crowd-pleaser.

Weights were Bybee, 136, and Prince, 136.

In the semi-windup, Willie Brown, 186, Billy Newman's sensational Negro, was handed his first defeat by Harry Wills, Los Angeles veteran Negro, in a hard fought sixer. Wills came on in the rounds to grab the referee's nod.

Al Barbour, 161, stopped Chief Collins, 165, in two rounds. Barbour and the Indian put on a toe-to-toe slugging bee with Al having the more ring savvy and winning. Santo Tringali, 142, defeated Jimmy Simmons, 149, in four rounds. In the curtain-raiser. Bobby Jones, 146½, decisioned Billy Lee, 145, in four heats.

Frankie Moore, Oakland gamester, won on a technical knockout over Ray Salas, Berkeley Mexican, in two rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

A cut eye called halt to the bout which was already in Moore's favor. Salas, who cuts easily, has slipped and should retire. Moore scored a seven count knockdown in the first.

Weights were Moore, 136½, Salas 139.

The undercard: Nate Huskey, San Francisco Negro, and Paul (Fancy Pants) Reguejo, classy San Jose lightweight, fought an eight round draw. Fancy Pants, a cutie, clowned Huskey all over, but Nate did the most fighting. Joe Ybarra, 156, Oakland veteran, and Gene Cartwright, 156, battled to a draw in six. Ybarra should not try a comeback, for he is far past his prime and can't amount to much anymore. Chris Sponsel, 135½, stopped Joe Lugo, 134, in the first round.

Newsboy Millich, Sacramento crowd-pleaser, decisioned Doug Ellison, Oakland Negro, gamester, in a tough, close, ten-rounder at the Sacramento L Street Arena.

Ellison did the boxing and Millich the slugging in their crowd-cheering bout. The decision was a disputed one. Millich scaled 195, Ellison 188.

In the semi-final, George Millich, 185, stopped Jess McGowan, Los Angeles, 187, in the sixth round.

George, Newsboy's younger brother, is a great comer. He should be headlining before too long.

Earl Turner, Oakland prize middleweight, scored a ten-round decision over Tommy Egan, local Irish favorite, in the main-event at the Oakland Auditorium.

It was a tough, hard-fought battle throughout with both lads stepping toe-to-toe and letting the fur fly. Turner's experience and cleverness proved the margin of victory. Both lads are terrific crowd-pleasers as the gate showed.

Weights were Turner 156, Egan 152.

Prelims: Abel Lucero, 135, stopped Baby Picazo, 134, in two rounds. Lucero, a Fresno boy, was too smart for Babe. Gene Ronstadt, Los Angeles crowd-pleaser, was given only a draw for trouncing Pedro Jiminez, in six rounds. The fans heavily booed the verdict. Lloyd Wagoner, 142½, won a TKO over Santo Tringali, 140, in three.

Leroy Wade, recently discharged 'Frisco middleweight, surprised by stopping favorite Cecilio Lozada, Mexican southpaw, in two rounds at National Hall.

Wade battered Lozada helpless with a flurry of blows in the second.

In the semi-final, Young Salvador, 149, decisioned Billy Mayfield, 154, in six rounds. Edwin Keller, 179, outpointed Leo Green, 190, in another sixer; the opener went to Al Pecora, 150, who defeated Reuben Flores, 160, in four.

After four nights of furious, slugging bouts, the Pacific Association A.A.U. boxing champions were crowned. Huge crowds witnessed the shows and all were more than satisfied in the action scraps.

As usual, the *Examiner* sponsored the tourney, with Ed Muller, leading West Coast scribe at the helm.

Frankie Moore, Oakland Negro, outpointed Paul (Fancy Pants) Reguejo, San Jose lightweight, in a ten-rounder at the Oakland Auditorium.

It was a dull ten-heater with Moore winning easily over his run-away opponent. Frankie garnered eight rounds, with one even and one to Reguejo.

Weights were Moore, 134½, Reguejo, 136½.

In a supporting ten-rounder, Billy Calla, hard-hitting local boy, who is hailed as the Rocky Graziano of Oakland, and Nate Huskey, San Francisco Negro, put on a donnybrook with Calla grabbing the referee's nod. This corner thought a draw would have been better, for both battlers put forth with everything they had and had the fans yelling. The bout looms as a natural re-match.

Weights were Huskey, 137½; Calla, 136½.

In a six-rounder, Al Irwen, 135½, a terrific slugger from the middle-west, kayoed favorite Abel Lucero, 135½, Fresno Italian, in one round. In the opener, Chris Sponsel, 136, stopped Roy Jones, 141, in two rounds.

Oakland Billy Smith, crowd-pleasing Negro, successfully defended his light-heavyweight championship of California by scoring a knockout over Lloyd Marshall, outstanding world contender from Sacramento, in nine rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

Marshall was leading on points, giving Smith a boxing lesson until the fatal ninth round, in which Lloyd collapsed from a barrage of blows by the heavier-hitting Smith. The latter, a big underdog in the betting, really proved he's among the ten best boys of his weight in the world. On the strength of Billy's showing in this bout, I would pick him to dethrone Champion Gus Lesnevich, if they ever meet.

Weights were, Smith, 172½; Marshall, 169½.

Prelims: Charley Catos, 157½, defeated Jimmy Hayden, 163, in six rounds. Catos has been winning consistently at this arena and should get a main-event here soon. Gene Ronstadt, 153, won over Predo Jiminez, 152, in six rounds. Jiminez previously was given a "gift" draw against Gene, but this time Ronstadt proved to be the better man. Eddie Halligen, 160, "The Ol' Man River" of Oakland, won a technical knockout over Gene Cartwright, 153, in three rounds. Eddy Simms, 196, stopped Leo Green, 191, in four rounds.

CANADIAN TOPICS

By LAWSON BAMPTON

MONTREAL seems certain to have its busiest boxing season in many a long year and the game should boom in the Canadian Metropolis during the summer months. Promoter Al Foreman has staged half a dozen shows at the Forum during the cold weather period just passed while Jimmie McKimmie has been running weekly cards at the Coliseum since late January. Now that the hockey season is finished, Foreman states that he will operate fortnightly at the Forum and with McKimmie's Coliseum club going every Monday the fight fans will have plenty of action to anticipate, a big contrast to other years.

Harry Hurst headlined Foreman's last three cards, drawing with Joey Peralta then beating him in a return bout. In his last appearance Hurst was held to a draw by the smart Bloomfield, N. J., Negro welter, Doug Carter, who had impressively crashed the local fistic scene a couple of weeks previously by scoring brilliantly over K.O. Joe Pyle at the Coliseum.

In an eight rounder, Fernando Gagnon, Canadian featherweight champion, put the blast on Harry Baumann in two rounds. In another, a pair of husky Negro middles, Al Evans and Bill Sparks, staged a gruelling "inside" battle. The referee halted it after the sixth when they failed to open up sufficiently with long range wallops.

Hubert Gagnier, former amateur idol, finished strongly to score over Charlie Burden in a featherweight six rounder and in the opening six, Romeo Quimet, blond local lightweight, won handily with an aggressive display against Frankie Belanger of Quebec.

McKimmie has been putting on some peppery programs at the Coliseum. One of his best was a torrid ten rounder between Lou Alter and Jean Barriere. Alter got the decision.

NEWS FROM WINNIPEG AND VICINITY

By AL GREENBERG

BEFORE a crowd of 3,500 fans who jammed the Winnipeg Auditorium to witness the first professional boxing and wrestling show in many years, Ron Whalley, former Canadian Army light-heavyweight champ, scored a four-round decision over Ted Morrison of St. Paul. Whalley weighed 172 pounds with Morrison scaling in at 175 pounds.

The balance of the card consisted of three wrestling bouts. Ray Steele, former world's champion, won on a foul from Reg Siki, bearded Abyssinian. Han Kaempher, the New York strong boy, defeated Chief Little Wolfe and Cal Reese battled Steve Kozak to a draw.

Alex Turk, Winnipeg fuel man, who promoted the card, plans on featuring Bronko Nagurski on his next program.

Ron Whalley journeyed to Fargo, N. D., where he earned a six-round draw with Earl Adkinson of St. Paul.

George Cote, 19-year-old middleweight, has been discharged from the Canadian Army. A promising pro career beckons George.

Tony Roberts, former Winnipeg featherweight is now campaigning around Boston. Two more former Winnipeg boys, Franky and Johnny Gaudes, are displaying their wares in Wisconsin rings.

Billy Brady, former Canadian amateur bantamweight champ, has come out of retirement. Billy has grown to a full-fledged welter.

Boxing fans are reminded that they can obtain their RING at Le Bansky's confectionery, as well as any other downtown newsstand.

Send in your Winnipeg notes by the second of each month to the writer at 415½ Manitoba Ave., Winnipeg, Man. Would also like to hear from all unattached pro boxers.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

ATTENTION, Mike Jacobs! If you wish to give your New York City clientele one of the most furiously-fought, fastest-punching settos that it is possible to book—stage the fifth meeting between Manuel Ortiz and Carlos Chavez in the Garden. These little Mexican spitfires met for the fourth time, and for the fourth time left the fans limp and hoarse. Although this last clash, staged at the Los Angeles Olympic, was a 15-rounder, the question of supremacy is still debatable, the go being declared a draw.

This writer thought that Ortiz had a shade, as did most of the sport scribes, but the 10,400 fans were about equally divided as to who beat who, and all three arbiters had different opinions, so the decision must have been about right. Their three previous bouts had been ten-rounders, in which Ortiz won two close decisions, and the other ended in a draw. Chavez had a shade the better of it at the end of the tenth in this one, but he slowed down in the very next heat and this observer gave Ortiz three of the last five rounds, tabbing one of them even.

The fight beggars description as to blows, maneuvers, etc. Briefly, it was a perpetual-punching affair, with every punch in the book being used. The bout was for the California featherweight title, which was, and still is, held by Chavez. They will probably meet again, and whether in a week, month or year, will again turn 'em away. But I would like to hear of them signed for the Garden; otherwise, Easterners will never believe that such fights as these are being witnessed in California.

Ortiz weighed 122; Chavez, 124. The gate grossed $37,600.00.

In the four-round semi, Jackie McCoy, 126, poker-faced Irish lad, won handily over Ruperto Garcia, 129, of Mexico. It was McCoy's eighth straight win since his discharge from the Navy.

Other results: Eddie Sangster, 133, bested Joe Alvano, 130, in four; Henry Rich, 161, K.O.'ed Duncan Currie, 168, in the third; Henry Roberts, 138, stopped Stacky Rowe, 143, in the first; Johnny Martinez, 124, and Roosevelt Bonner, 128, drew in four.

San Diego fans were quite amused at the spectacle of Francisco (Pancho) De La Cruz, Mexican Man Mountain, and Gene Felton, beanpole Negro, facing one another in the Coliseum ring. De La Cruz weighs 270 and much of it is below the waistline. Felton weighs 190 and is about six-foot-three. Both are of Los Angeles. And both can fight. Felton knows how to use his long arms and legs, and the roly-poly Mexican gets around like a lightweight.

Felton boxed well to win the unanimous decision with something to spare. Gene jabbed and backpedaled most of the way, occasionally stopping long enough to shoot over a long right, but he was too smart to mix it up with De La Cruz. Pancho is strong as a bull and possesses a damaging left hook, but he couldn't get to use either of these assets against his elusive foe.

In supporting bouts, Max Hutchins, 165, Los Angeles, defeated Kid Lester, 163, in six; Tacho Cota, 147, El Centro, and Billy Mitchell, 142, Los Angeles, drew in six; Joe Nevarez, 125, nodded Al Luna, 125, in six; Pete Rodriguez, 136, whipped Lucio Beltran, 140, in four.

Don Lee, former Nebraskan, chalked up the best win of his career in lambasting Jimmy McDaniels to an eight-round T.K.O. defeat at the Hollywood Stadium. Of course, McDaniels has slipped, but Lee is a rugged, two-fisted scrapper who enjoys rough going. McDaniels looked good for two rounds, which he won with left jabs and straight rights to the jaw, but those first two heats were the only ones the Irishman was credited with.

Jimmy had the upper hand in a couple of other rounds, but lost them on the score-card because of low blows. In fact, McDaniels sank enough blows below the belt to lose half a dozen fights, if the foul rule was in vogue. This continual fouling made Jimmy very unpopular with the crowd and Lee's victory greatly pleased them. Don opened a gash over McDaniels' left eye in the third, and cut Jimmy's right optic in the seventh, a round in which Lee rocked the Irishman to his heels on numerous occasions.

It was a hard fought, exciting fight, with first one then the other in the driver's seat for six rounds. But after that shellacking in the seventh, there was little doubt as to who was to be the winner. It was a right uppercut in the eighth that slashed McDaniels' mouth so badly that his handlers conceded the victory to the Nebraskan shortly after the round had ended. Lee weighed 149; McDaniels, 146.

In the six-round semi, Al Escobar, 131, experienced little trouble copping the decision over Bert White, 130, Chicago Negro. White fought listlessly and seldom led. Escobar dropped the Chicagoan for a two-count in the sixth.

In the four-rounders, Al Callahan, 162, decisioned Bob Guess, 161; Malcolm Smith, 155, lost every round to Al Calderon, 152, but was handed the decision, which was booed for ten minutes; Roy Taylor, 175, won by T.K.O. over Bill Kingsland, 169, when the latter received a badly cut mouth in the first round; Abadino Gutierrez, 127, nodded Ramiro Lopez, 130.

The left hand of Bud Christman, 125, Sacramento, was too educated for Eli Golindo, 124, Los Angeles, and the slender blond youth jabbed out a ten-round decision over the rugged little Mexican at the Ocean Park Arena. Golindo opened a cut over Christman's eye in the tenth to take the final round by a good margin, but it happened too late to turn the "break" into victory.

Other results: Billy Johnson, 164, Chicago, bested Bob Hawkins, 167, Los Angeles, in the four-round semi; Gene Loughridge, 148, nodded Ralph Mendoza, 154; Roy Taylor, 175, and Clyde Bowman, 177, fought to a draw; Connie Smith, 166, defeated Jimmy Crane, 160; Freddie Hernandez, 120, won from Johnny Powell, 123, all four-rounders.

Paulie Peters, cagy, hard-hitting middleweight of San Francisco, came down to Fresno to do a job on Larry Carter, young Negro out of Dayton, O. Y'know, just a tune-up bout. And a little trip like that helps to break the monotony of it all. But what a miserable little jaunt it turned out to be! For Peters, starting slowly, found Mrs. Carter's boy ambitious and a pretty good fighter. Paulie also found himself outboxed in the first round, and he could do no better than break even in the second.

Peters came out mad in the third and the fun started. He put Carter down for an eight-count. Paulie floored the Negro again in the fourth for a nine-count, then ran out of gas trying to finish his hurt foe. So Carter came out in the fifth and swarmed all over Peters, but couldn't deck the 'Frisco toughie. However, Larry did drop Peters for an eight-count in the sixth, and bested Paulie in the seventh.

The enraged Peters smacked Carter to the canvas for a nine-count early in the eighth, but the Negro boy arose to put Paulie in the resin again. Some fun! The crowd was in a frenzy. These Fresno fans were witnessing the most thrilling scrap ever staged in Ryan's Auditorium. Peters was a winging wrecker during the ninth and tenth rounds, and floored Carter three times more to clinch the verdict.

In other bouts, Bobby Lee, 168, Fresno, and Bill Kingsland, 170, Redondo Beach, fought a draw (6); Bobby Clark, 131, Fresno, and Dario Mendoza, 127, also drew (4); Nick Ferolito, 154, Fresno, K.O.'ed Jimmy Miller, 154 (4); Henry Woodward, 150, Hammer Field, chilled Carlos Banuelos, 155 (3).

Tony Chavez is probably convinced of the fact that fisticuffing is a kid's game. The third opponent of Tony's comeback try was Bobby Yaeger, Negro boxer of Los Angeles. The contest, fought in the ring where Chavez was making great fights while Yaeger was still in short pants—Hollywood Stadium—went the ten rounds, but became a very one-sided affair before it was over.

Yaeger was too young, too smooth, and punched too solidly for the veteran, but Tony left the ring with head unbowed. Yaeger copped eight of the ten rounds, and in some of the sessions, particularly the seventh and eighth, dished out a severe lacing to the Mexican gamester. Chavez's legs were weak and his arms were heavy in the late rounds, but that old fighting heart was still ticking strongly and Tony was in there fighting back at the final bell. Yaeger weighed 142; Chavez, 147.

In the six-round semi, Francis Ogg, 172, Sacramento, punched out a win over Titus Hawkins, 173, San Diego. It was a slugfest with the rough going slowing Hawkins to a walk in the stretch.

In the prelims, Jimmy Webster, 139, stopped Julio Franco, 139, in the second; Hank Morris, 198, K.O.'ed Edwin Keller, 179, in three; Lito Perez, 150, whipped Mickey Simon, 148, in four; Freddie Hernandez, 119, and Bobby Molina, 116, drew in four.

Ragon Kinney, 190, Hartman, Ark., chalked up his ninth straight win since joining the pro ranks, by belting out Mike O'Grady, 219, Los Angeles, in the sixth round at the San Diego Coliseum. Kinney was formerly the national amateur champion, winning that title while representing a Los Angeles *Times* team.

Kinney experienced little difficulty subduing the big Irishman. Ragon hit his awkward opponent with every punch in the book and dropped him four times before stowing him away in the sixth.

In the semi, Bob Shipman, Negro heavy of San Diego, dropped Don Brouillard, Minneapolis, five times to win by a knockout in the third.

Other results: Nick Smith, 130, stopped Joe Nevarez in the second; Connie Smith, 163, and Maurice Woods fought to a draw in four; Pete Rodriguez nodded Raymond Castro in four.

Naw, Sparky Rudolph doesn't cage Fitzie Fitzpatrick up, or feed him raw meat before a fight, but the Irish clouter couldn't have displayed more killer instinct at the start of his go with Jimmy Casino, even if those extreme measures had been part of his preparation for the contest. Awaiting the bell, Fitzie was about as composed as a chained bull-terrier watching a neighbor's cat eat out of his dish. And at the bell—well, the only human I ever saw come out faster was the guy they shot out of a cannon at the fair.

This instant attack on Casino took place at the Los Angeles Olympic and was all over in 1:13 of the first round. Fitzie rushed out to contact Casino in the latter's corner and let loose with a volley of leather. A left hook put Jimmy down for nine. A few seconds later Casino was felled again for another nine-count.

Another flock of murderous punches again put the handsome Italian in the resin for another long count. Casino regained his feet but he had neither any defense nor resistance and was dropped for the fourth and last time.

Many of the fans booed the result. Probably because they dropped a couple of bucks on the outcome, or didn't like to go home so early. There was no good reason for their dissatisfaction, for Fitzie's punches were crushing. Casino is no set-up and he went out a gamester. Fitzpatrick weighed 170; Casino, 169.

Fabela Chavez, 129, had too much speed and savvy for Sammy Anders, 129, Texas Negro, in the six-round semi. Anders shook Chavez up in the first round and had a shade in the sixth, but Fabela won handily by copping four rounds and spilling Sammy for an eight-count.

In remaining bouts, Babe Edwards, 181, and Jimmy Wilson, 180, went to a technical draw, their bout being halted in the third because of an eye-cut; George (Hi) Jinks, 205, decisioned Ernie McDonald, 205, in four; Frankie Russell, 155, bested Frankie Calzo, 159, in four; Billy Peterson, 155, nodded Manny Flores, 155, in the opener.

"Just another of the Joneses," remarked John Thomas before his bout with Willie Jones at the Long Beach Auditorium. But, oh my, John had a lot of respect for all the Joneses before the fracas was over. In fact, hereafter, Thomas will make no pre-fight comment on names, even if he is fighting a Smith. This particular Jones turned out to be quite a fighter and Thomas had to win the hard way.

Jones, long and lean, and all the way from Louisiana, proved to be awkwardly clever, tough and determined. He gave Thomas trouble all the way and kept John from looking good. Thomas received the ten-round decision and a cut cheek. Each weighed 140.

Jackie McCoy, 129, Los Angeles, looked like "the real McCoy" in trouncing Sal Sanchez, 133, Tia Juana, Mexico, in the four-round semi.

Other results: Phil Cobos, 163, beat Nate Gibson, 168 (4); Johnny Martinez, 125, stopped Johnny Powell, 123 (3); Eddie Cota, 145, defeated Willie Tatum, 142 (4); Lou Mosely, 153, K.O.'ed Leon Lewis (2).

Don Lee, the tireless thumper of Inglewood, Calif., via Nebraska, evened the score with Sheik Rangel of Fresno by punching out a close ten-round decision in the latter's hunting ground. Rangel had won over Lee in the same ring three weeks previously. Like their first setto, it was a gruelling go, with both dishing out much punishment and receiving bruises to prove it.

Lee started fast and piled up a commanding lead in the early sessions, but couldn't maintain the pace, and the Sheik came on strong after the sixth round to fight the former Nebraskan on almost even terms. Both judges voted for Lee, and Referee Billy Burke tabbed it a draw. Each weighed 152.

In the prelims, Al Robinson, 143, Fresno, stopped Billy Carlisle, 137, Honolulu (3); Bill Kingsland, 170, Los Angeles, and Bobby Lee, 168, Fresno, slugged to a draw (6); Young Salvador, 150, San Francisco, eliminated Joe Novoa, 152, Bakersfield (2); Joe Mendoza, 124, Bakersfield, T.K.O.'ed Gilbert Gonzales, 126, Fresno (4).

Eddie Marcus, classy Los Angeles lightweight, just out of the Navy, has already found out that life as a civilian will not be easy. Making his first start in 15 months, Marcus was pitted against Leroy Willis, Detroit Negro, in a ten-rounder at Ocean Park. Willis, a good puncher and awkwardly clever, was a tough assignment for the rusty Marcus.

Eddie got off to a nice start but tired in the stretch. Willis came on fast in the final three rounds to get a draw, although this observer still had Marcus ahead at the finish. Marcus weighed 138; Willis, 134.

In the semi, Carlos Miranda, 144, making his first start in four years, belted Jimmy Shans, 149, about the ring for six straight rounds.

In other bouts, Phil Cobos, 161, laced Jimmy Crane, 162, in four; Gene Loughridge, 148, K.O.'ed Chappie Wooten, 145, in two; Irvin Steen, 144, nodded Del Campo Provost, 148, in four.

If a guy continuously took the short-ender in betting on fights out here, he should do okeh. Some of the odds given are ridiculous and the favorites are beaten about half the time. The latest short-ender to make suckers of the Wizards

of Odds was Tony Olivera, who upset the dope in winning a ten-round decision over Baby Gonzales at the Hollywood Stadium.

Gonzales started out as though things were to be just as the weatherman predicted, but the Mexican champ tired and an opponent cannot do that with the fiery Olivera—and get his hand raised.

Olivera, who had shades in the second and sixth rounds, really took over in the seventh. The Portuguese also copped the eighth and ninth, and they battled it out on even terms in the tenth. The decision of Referee Charley Randolph and both judges was unanimous, but Tony's margin was a thin one. Olivera weighed 123; Gonzales, 126.

In the semi, Val Valentine, 117, stopped Benny Cousins, 115, in the second round. Rights to the jaw had Cousins in a bad way most of the round and one of the blows dropped Benny for the count just 12 seconds before the end of the heat.

In the four-rounders, Nick Smith, 130, won by a T.K.O. over Frankie Martinez, 130, in the fourth; Baldy Duke, 207, stopped Jess McGowen, 195, in three; Babe Huerta, 137, T.K.O.'ed Willie Tatum, 140, in the fourth; Mickey Simon, 147, chilled Mike Villanueva, 150, in two.

There was little doubt but what Julian Malavez was outclassed and due for a shellacking from Quentin (Baby) Breese in their clash at the San Diego Coliseum. But there was considerable doubt by both fans and press that the bout should have been halted so hastily. Malavez has been beaten more times than Carter has pills; in fact, he rarely wins, but he is seldom knocked out. In this case, the Puerto Rican hadn't even been floored.

Malavez held Breese even in the first round. Early in the second heat Breese staggered Julian into the ropes with a right to the jaw, which he followed up with a flock of left hooks and uppercuts, at which point Referee Billy McMullen intervened. Breese weighed 138; Malavez, 137.

In supporting bouts, Val Valentine, 120, iced Memo Espinoza in the fifth round of the semi; Johnny Martinez, 124, and Buddy Taylor fought a draw in six; Irving Steen, 144, stopped Lee Walker in the third; Del Campo Provost, 147, K.O.'ed Lucio Beltran in three.

"Heaven help the sailor on a night like this" was what many of the tars in the Long Beach Auditorium must have been thinking as their former Navy lightweight champ was being roughed up by Eddie Prince, Detroit Negro. The sailor, Dub Bowen, lost every round of the six, not being able to cope with Prince at the close-in fighting, or to keep the Detroiter from getting into close quarters.

In the semi, Jackie McCoy, 128, Los Angeles, punched out a win over Luis Renteria of Mexico in a four-rounder, the fight of the night.

In other bouts, Babe Edwards, 180, floored Bob Shipman and won all four rounds for an easy decision; Pee Wee Swingler, 120, K.O.'ed Genero Vellez in the opening canto; Johnny Martinez, 124, stopped Frank Osuna in the second; Frankie Russell, 156, iced Clint Campbell in the first.

For two years this column boosted Freddie Dixon as a contender for the world's welterweight title, but I stopped doing that after Cecil Hudson beat Dixon for the second time. And I always refrained from referring to Freddie as "the Deacon" (his nickname) because the name sounded too slow for my former favorite. But if Dixon moves as slowly in his next fight as he has in his last two with Bobby Lakin, it will be Deacon with me, too, for that is just about his speed these days.

However, Dixon did catch up with Lakin in their second clash at the Los Angeles Olympic, but only after the New Yorker had copped five of the seven rounds fought. Bobby jabbed, slapped and danced away, with Dixon performing like a sleuth spotting a guy on parole—following him around just to see where he is going and what he is going to do.

In the eighth, Lakin became braver and decided to swap a few punches with Freddie, which is equivalent to slapping a traffic cop or deliberately falling in a manhole. A terrific right to the jaw floored Lakin for a nine-count. Bobby arose in a weakened and dazed condition, and Dixon nailed him with lefts and rights. Just as the New Yorker was about to go down again, Referee Reg Gilmore wisely halted it. Dixon weighed 148; Lakin, 151.

In the semi, Tony Canelli, 154, making his first start in three years, won handily over Sammy Walker, 150, copping five of the six rounds with left jabs and hooks that kept Walker off balance and unsteady.

In remaining bouts, Jimmy Martin, 173, K.O.'ed Ray Acosta, 175, in four; Garfield Coleman, 163, decisioned Frankie Calzo, 160, in four; Sonny Hill, 140, stopped Johnny Chavez, 137, in three; Jim Neely, 129, a classy looking Negro boy, defeated Ramiro Lopez, 130, in the opener.

Jackie Ryan of San Francisco and Joe Ybarra of Oakland fought ten rounds to a draw at Fresno. Ryan had little trouble hitting the Mexican vet, but his punches lacked authority. The 'Frisco boxer was slightly ahead at the end of the fifth and when he gave Ybarra a working-over in the sixth and seventh rounds, it appeared that the Irishman was headed for an easy win. However, Ybarra's strong finish in the last three rounds convinced Referee Frank Manfredo that Joe earned the draw, and the crowd seemed satisfied with the verdict. Ryan weighed 154; Ybarra, 152.

In the six-round semi, Al Robinson, 147, Fresno, and Young Salvador, 147, San Francisco, fought a fast draw. The Fresno Negro scored the cleaner punches, but the referee figured the Mexican's aggressiveness earned him the draw.

Other results: Joe Borjon, 126, Stockton, flattened Joe Mendoza, 123, Bakersfield, in the third; Nick Ferolita, 155, Fresno, decisioned Al Pecora, 155, San Francisco, in four; Dario Mendoza, 126, Firebaugh, won by T.K.O. over Gilbert Mendoza, 126. Fresno, in the third.

Spring is here and it is so hard to get mad at anyone on these balmy, moonlight nights! Kenny Watkins, Negro jab artist, and Frank Augustain, Mexican body-whacker, met in a ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium—met to fight ten rounds, that is. But Matchmaker Charley McDonald could have furnished his clientele with more excitement had he booked a couple of Y.W.C.A. members to play tiddly-winks.

Augustain was mostly at fault for the poor contest because of his inclination to clinch or loaf, and he was credited with but one round.

At first, the crowd booed for action. Not getting any, they slumped back in their seats and waited, thinking something might happen to keep the evening from being a total loss. Y'know, sometimes the spectators get into a brawl. By the eighth round, over a thousand fans had left the arena. Referee Johnny Indrisano and both judges gave Watkins the dance by 10 or more points. The remaining fans were then awakened and sent home. Kenny waltzed in at 157; Augustain wrestled around at 159.

In the semi, Al Escobar, 129, punched out a convincing as well as surprising six-round decision over Nick Diaz, 129. Escobar tore into his speedy southpaw opponent, forcing him about the ring, and landed many solid rights.

In the four-rounders, Julio Franco, 142, bested Alberto Ayala, 140; Harry Wills, 179, decisioned Frisco James, 177; Dixie Fleming, 144, stopped Mario Luna, 140, in the fourth; Al Callahan, 160, defeated Manny Flores, 158.

"The winnah, Luciano!" shouted the announcer at the end of the ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. There was a sprinkling of applause as the winner left the ring. Seconds later, the arena vibrated from the ovation accorded the loser, Mike Rubi, as he left the ring. It had nothing to do with the decision. The verdict was proper; in fact, Rocky Luciano, 155, of Harrisburg, Pa., won by a city block. It was an outburst of admiration for a colorful fighter who had made a great stand against too great odds.

Luciano is a powerfully-built gamester, tough and rugged, and he won this fight with those assets, but, so far as the audience was concerned, those same physical advantages made him the perfect villain of the night. Rubi, unknown and unheralded, was a good looking, cool, smooth boxer, who, although appearing soft, was as tough as rawhide and as game as they come.

In the semi-final, Phil Cobos, 163, former Golden Gloves champ, chalked up his fourth pro win by whipping Bob Hawkins, 166, in four exciting rounds.

In other bouts, Clyde Bowman, 174, defeated Nate Gibson, 170 (4); Gene Loughridge, 148, K.O.'ed Clyde Coylis, 146 (3); Carlisle Squires, 150, stopped Willie Tatum, 143 (3); Bobby Molina, 116, flattened Tony Garcia, 115 (2).

Gene Felton, 190, Los Angeles Negro—who is coming—had little trouble outpointing Al Jordan, 185, Chicago Negro—who is going—in a ten-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. Felton, who has been active and winning, jabbed and right-crossed the Chicagoan almost at will to win eight of the rounds. Jordan, who has been idle and a loser in his recent fights, was rusty and reluctant to lead.

Felton, very tall and with an exceptionally long reach, is a good boxer, so Jordan's only hope of winning was to take the play away from Gene, which Al tried to do in only two rounds.

Other results: Tony Becerra, 126, Mexico, iced Johnny Martinez, Los Angeles, in the second heat of the semi; Billy Johnson, 162, Chicago, defeated Kid Lester in six; Stew Adams won over Malcolm Smith in six; Jess McGowen disposed of Bob Hawkins.

Los Angeles boxing fans would like to hear of Watson Jones fighting again—that is, in some far-off place. Jones met Walter (Popeye) Woods of New York in a ten-rounder at the Olympic, and he'll never live it down. Woods is a cutie and we (the fight mob) knew that Watson wouldn't hit the bald-pated clown very often, if at all, but we did think that he would make a real effort.

Jones made a few short spurts, but there was little of the "will to win" in them. Woods did a lot of jabbing and crossed a few rights to Watson's head as the latter backed away, but Popeye scored most of his points by his defensive tactics, causing Jones to miss badly. The bout lacked excitement, which the crowd blamed onto Watson, for the New Yorker, after all, was giving them a show.

The hard-punching Negro should have gone all-out in an effort to flatten his tormentor, but the only people Jones became mad at were his handlers, who were urging him to fight. Woods made Watson look ridiculous by feinting him into an awkward withdrawal and then he, Woods, would leisurely lie back on the ropes, brush back imaginary hair off his bald head, or kick wads of paper (tossed in by ringsiders) out of the ring. The crowd thoroughly enjoyed his antics. And besides being comical, he is a pretty good fighter. Woods clowned at 166, Watson frowned at 169.

In the semi, Tony Canelli, 153, outpointed Ran Jackson, 159, in every one of the six rounds, but was pressed to do it, as Jackson made it tough with his roughhouse tactics.

In the prelims, Freddie Bashore, 190, stopped Jimmy Wilson, 178, in the second; Austin O'Jibway, 215, K.O.'ed Johnny Papke, 225, in two; Henry Rich, 161, made Billy Johnson, 163, "play dead" in the first round; Richie Mendoza, 131, and Sammy Williams, 127, fought a fast draw.

Francisco (Pancho) De La Cruz, roly-poly Mexican of Los Angeles, showed Long Beach fans that he has something more than just 260 pounds of beef. In messing up Pio Pico, another Mexican heavy, at the Auditorium, De La Cruz convinced the fans, and Pico, that he boxes well and punches hard. Pancho battered his countryman so badly for six rounds that the club physician decided that Pico was in no condition to come out for the seventh.

In supporting bouts, Pete Pacheco, 128, and Roosevelt Bonner, 128, slugged to a draw (4); Carmen Fredericks, 170, iced Al Slocum in the first; Sharkey Morgan decisioned Leroy Anderson in four; Speedy Moore, 135, and Tony Jackson drew, as did Johnny Powell, 122, and Bobby Molina.

Genero Rojo must have made a New Year's resolution! His first fight in 1946 was a win. However, Genero barely got under the wire in this one, it being one punch in the final round that turned the trick. It was a hard right to the jaw that dropped Victor Grupico for a no-count in the tenth that got Rojo the split decision over the San Francisco southpaw at the Hollywood Stadium.

It was an exciting, hard-fought setto, in which both scrappers almost collapsed from exhaustion, neither being in the best of condition. Grupico won the early rounds, getting in lefts to the body as he made Rojo miss badly. Genero staggered the Italian with hard rights to the jaw on numerous occasions, but he was always too tired or something to follow up such advantages.

Grupico was a bit ahead at the end of the seventh, but his gas was running low and Rojo came on in the next two rounds to even the score. Although both battlers must have felt as though they were wearing Oregon boots and cement gloves, they continued to fight stubbornly in the final heat. And if Rojo had not dropped the 'Frisco gamester to his knees in this round, the setto would probably have been called a draw, as one judge had the rangy Mexican ahead by only two points, while the other judge favored Victor by two digits. Rojo weighed 140; Grupico, 139.

In the semi, Val Valentine, 119, garnered five of the six rounds from Pee Wee Swingler, 118, scoring his points with straight rights to the jaw.

In the four-rounders, Alberto Ayala, 142, rocked Jimmy Webster, 140, to sleep in the first round; Al Callahan, 162, whipped Henry Rich, 161; Roy Taylor, 179, K.O.'ed Hank Morris, 198, in two; Kenny Hilton, 138, disposed of B. B. Hines, 136, in the second heat.

Don Lee, 154, the pistol-punching person from Nebraska, won a bruising ten-rounder over Rocky Luciano, 153, the muscled, mauling miner of Harrisburg, Pa., at Ryan's Auditorium in Fresno. These two super-healthy guys think that retreat merely means to set 'em up again, so Fresno fans were treated to a Donnybrook in this clash.

Luciano swapped punches with Lee every inch of the way, but the square-jawed Italian couldn't toss enough of them to make it pay. The non-stop Nebraskan whipped in three blows to Rocky's one, and chalked up a decisive win, being credited with seven of the heats.

In the six-round semi, Wilson Mackey, 165, Bakersfield Negro, was awarded the decision over Bill Kingsland, 170, Redondo.

Other results: Bobby Lee, 168, Fresno Negro, decisioned Bob Lee, 165, Inglewood (4); Nick Ferolito, 150, Fresno, and Joe Novoa, 147, Bakersfield, drew (4); Joe Mendoza, 126, Bakersfield, stopped Benny Cabrerra, 130, Fresno (1).

If Louie Wise, Los Angeles Negro, could smile instead of hit the deck when nailed with a hard punch, he would beat some of our best Coast fighters. Francis Ogg of Sacramento couldn't hit Wise hard enough; in fact, could hardly hit him at all in their ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Consequently, Wise was not knocked down, so won handily. Louie not only proved too wise for Ogg, but beat the Sacramento slugger so badly that the fracas was halted in the ninth round and awarded to Louie on a T.K.O. Wise weighed 171; Ogg, 173.

In other bouts, Nick Smith, 130, decisioned Ramiro Lopez, 129, in four; Al Callahan, 163, nodded Clyde Bowman, 170, in four; Gene Loughridge, 147, defeated Del Campo Provost, 149, in four; Speedy Moore, 139, and Stacky Rowe, 144, drew; Bobby Molina, 116, bested Tony Garcia, 114.

All of you who have written for information during the month will be answered by letter. Any others wishing information on the boxing situation out here, representation on the Coast, or information on boxers, managers, etc., be sure to enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope with such inquiry. Address: Harry E. Winkler, 1231 N. June St., Hollywood 38, Calif.

LETTERS *from Our* READERS

I AM a Seaman First Class, in the U.S. Navy serving in the Pacific Fleet on the battleship U.S.S. *Tennessee*. I was born in 1925 at Mount Vernon, N. Y. I started boxing when I was thirteen years old. I fought for the A.A.V. colors—128 lbs., now I weigh 135 lbs.—in and around New York City. I had thirty bouts, winning twenty-six, one draw and two T.K.O.'s.

I enlisted in the Navy on September 11, 1943, and received my basic training at Sampson, N. Y. I expect to turn pro after the war. Since I have been in the Pacific I have met middleweight contender C/SP Georgie Abrams, now discharged; Johnnie Dell of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Frank Hawkins, son of the famous Dal Hawkins away back. Also Ted Owens, Longbeach, Calif., featherweight, all in the Navy.

I participated in the bombings of Eniwetak, Kwajalein and Perry Island in the Marshall Islands. A hit and run raid on Japanese held Kevieng, New Ireland, Saipan, Tinian and Guam in the Marianas Islands, Peleliu and Anguar in the Palau Islands. My ship was hit by three enemy shells while we stood off the beach at Saipan, firing on pillboxes and gun emplacements.

More recently I was in the naval bombardments of Iwo Jima, bombing it prior to the U. S. Marines assaults. I also was in the Okinawa campaign. One day while we were firing our secondary battery on Jap held Okinawa, 6 weeks before the beach landings, my ship was attacked by eight Japanese aircraft. My ship's anti-aircraft battery shot down seven of the enemy planes, but the eighth one crashed into the ship. I can't divulge any information about damages to the ship and most important the casualties of the crew and officers on board. I can say I didn't receive a scratch. I can't say as much for some of my shipmates, many of whom were wounded or killed. I am in the anti-aircraft battery. I was later ordered off my battle station to help with the wounded lying on the decks about me, I acted as a litter bearer or a medical corpsman.

We evacuated them to the sick bay and the dead were buried at sea that night. I shall never forget those buddies of mine, the dying and the badly wounded. We went out for revenge and we got it. Now that the war is over, and that the slant-eyed Japs have been conquered and their army and navy and air corps no longer exist, we feel that the peace of the world is assured for many years to come. Our mission has been fulfilled. Our dead and maimed have been revenged.

I was extremely sorry to read in THE RING of the death on the battlefields of Europe of our mutual townsman, Tony Ferrera. He was a good pugilist and fine chap.

JOEY BATTISTO, S 1/C,
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A LINE or two to inform you that we're still coming along okay, and it shouldn't be too many months now before I head back for good old upstate New York! On September 23, exactly at 12:30, I stepped off our LST that had brought us from Guam here to Japan. My outfit of Marines is just a few miles out of the City of Sasebo here in the prefecture (county) of Nagasaki, on the Island of Kyushu.

The people are a lot different from what we really expected to find. Most of them are as normal and interesting as any class of people, and they do keep extraordinarily clean despite the lower standards of living. As is to be expected, no matter where one travels hundreds of children are on hand awaiting a GI handout of rations and other edibles.

The day after I landed, I took a Jeep and drove to Sasebo. All along the way kids saluted in the American fashion. Even little tots, no more than a year old, who rode their mother's backs in "papoose" fashion managed a salute or a hand-wave. Whenever I threw them some candy or gum, you'd find a hundred or more kids diving at the food as if it was gold.

One day I flipped out a packet of edibles enclosed completely in a heavy paper wrapping. The kids gathered around it, but were afraid to open it—since they couldn't see the contents. Some minutes later, an older person had the courage to pick the packet up and explore the contents.

Most of the younger generation go for candy and gum, but the oldsters like nothing better than a cigarette or two or as many as they can get.

Just as we sailed up into this inlet waterway off the Isle of Kyushu, our eyes popped out in sheer admiration of the excellent work the natives have done to maintain the natural beauties of their hilly and mountainous land. All of the slopes that weren't too thickly populated with evergreens were neatly landscaped and terraced so evenly that a mosaic pattern would look trite compared to the scenes out here. Up above I mentioned that the people were as normal and interesting as any.

I have yet to find more than a few dozen people here whom I can radically term slant-eyed. The girls and young women also possess clean cut features, and some of these lassies would give our stateside femmes a good tie for first place.

I doubt if I need tell you about the rate of exchange out here, as you must have been acquainted with it long before I ever first saw the light of day. But just in case you've forgotten it a bit, may I mention that 1 Jap Yen is equal to about 6¾ cents in American money? Hence, about 15 Yen make 1 American dollar. The Yen is further divided into Sen. Believe it or not, 100 Sen make up 1 Yen, thus giving 1 Sen less value than $.0000.66. And they even go lower than that out here, but since our prices for PX and postal supplies will be around a nickel and up, we won't have to worry our heads about it for some time. Enclosed is a 10-Yen note as a souvenir to a grand guy!

I'll cut this short now, with a promise to write again soon.

PVT. JOSEPH M. PAVLAK, U.S.M.C.,
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I HAVE been a reader of THE RING for many years, and I felt as if I lost a pal when the dark clouds of war prevented it from coming over here. I missed that intimate man-to-man editorial of yours, those superb action pictures, the articles which took us back to the knock-down-drag-out yesteryears, and made live again those great guys our dads still talk about.

Then the Americans came to our town and we met Charlie from Pittsburgh, Joe from the Bronx, Eddie from Charleston and Pete from the Windy City, and over our tall beers we had great yarns. I remember the homesick sarge who spent Xmas with me sitting with my two kiddies on his knee getting nostalgic about old Norfolk, Virginia, and Dave from Alabama, whooping up the garden path with an armful of candy, and the boys we met on fight nights when your simon-pures met ours. There was a free swinging Sergeant "Alle," a Golden Gloves boy, who took the crowd by storm, a one man atom bomb, and many others too numerous to mention.

These boys have nearly all gone now, Nat, and that old Southern drawl has left our parlors. We don't see them any more trying to figure out a sixpence or calling a shilling a quarter, but we will remember those fine young men with their good manners, their generosity, and their very obvious desire to be "customary." We loved them and still do.

We need THE RING now over here. When are we going to get it again? We are waiting.

Please give my respects to Eddie Borden, Daniel M. Daniel, and of course please accept all the best from me to you.

In conclusion I salute the gallant sons of the U.S.A. who made the supreme sacrifice over here. "They were great guys" would be my epitaph for them.

So long for now, Nat. Yours faithfully.

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WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

NEW HAMPSHIRE pugilists have been busier during the past couple of months than ever before. Even wrestling has risen from years of almost complete inactivity to first-class showings. Performers such as Henri DeGlane of France, Henry Piers of Holland, Marvin Westenberg of Washington, D. C., the Cardiff Giant from California and others were well received by the enthusiasts of the grunt and groan industry .... The Granite State A. A. is formulating plans to stage amateur boxing shows.

Leo Mucucci, a former Cascade and Berlin, N. H., fighter, now operating out of Portland, Me., under the able management of Promoter Chick Hayes, is going great guns in big cities throughout New England. In his last battle, a main bout at Fall River, Mass., he outpointed Bobby English of Fall River over the ten-round limit. After five rounds of even battling, Mucucci stepped up his attack to cop a unanimous verdict. English weighed 131, and Mucucci, 130.

Concord—The wrestling fans of the Capital City and the vicinity were treated to topnotch grappling at the last show when Henri DeGlane pinned Marvin Westenberg in 30 minutes and 11 seconds and in 10 minutes and 2 seconds to win the feature event of the Granite State A. A.'s wrestling show before 500 fans at Phoenix Hall.

On the same program, in the semi-final, the Cardiff Giant from California won over Pat Schaeffer of Cambridge, Mass., by taking two straight falls. Walter Lipson of Lynn, Mass., won over Tiger Jack Santos of Somerville, Mass., in a one-fall match in 14 minutes, 21 seconds. Bob Mills, former New Hampshire heavyweight boxing champion, was referee.

Berlin—Paul Junior of Lewiston, Me., and a crack lightweight of a few years back, is helping Manager Eddie Desilets with the boys of this city.

Keene—Tommy Spencer, 147, of Canada, knocked out Billy Woods, 149, of Lancaster, Pa., in the fifth round of their scheduled ten-round main bout. In the semi-final, Pat Monahan, 147, Derry, N. H., won a six-round decision over Al Healy, 141, of Worcester, Mass.

Somersworth—Midget St. Hilaire of this city, former state featherweight boxing champion, who was recently discharged from the U. S. Navy after more than three years of service, is staging a comeback as a welter.

Berlin—Dick Villeneuve, 147, and Jimmy Dinardo, 135, journeyed to South Berwick, Me., and copped the honors. In the main event, the fast-stepping Villeneuve stopped Bert Chisholm of Dover, N. H. In one of the preliminaries, Jimmy Dinardo of Berlin, a newcomer, kayoed his opponent in one round also. A few nights later another Berlin battler, Larry "Pat" Dyer, 146, recently discharged from the U. S. Army, made the trip to Bangor and fought Billy Bernier, Lewiston, Me., boxer, in the main go and won a popular victory.

Gorham—Word comes from this town that interested parties are planning boxing and wrestling shows to be held here soon. With regular bus connections and cars being back on the road, boxing fans from nearby Berlin would no doubt attend in droves and the game would go over big. It's a good time to start because the whole area is ripe for such needed entertainment.

Lawrence "Pat" Dyer, 146, Berlin battler, took five rounds out of six from John Thomas, 146, Portland, Me., and won a popular decision at Brunswick, Me. The following week "Pat" lost his first bout since being discharged. In a contest with Billy Conway of Manchester, N. H., the veteran Dyer was T.K.O.'ed in the sixth round at South Berwick, Me. Young Dick Villeneuve of Berlin, N. H., also lost to the Texas Kid of Portland, Me., at Brunswick.

Floriant Desmarais, 135, Manchester, N. H., of French-Canadian descent, is the most active fighter in the state. His recent victory over Santiago Riviera of Mexico City in a feature bout at the Bedford Grove of Manchester, N. H., was a great performance. Desmarais tipped the beam at 134 and Riviera at 133.

Fred Bilbo of Lowell, Mass., scored a two-round knockout over Kid Cournoyer of Derry, N. H. Bilbo weighed 130 and the Kid, 132. Swinging some powerful punches, Bobby Conway, 146, Manchester, N. H., put John Bell, 144, a Negro boxer from Worcester, Mass., to sleep after a little more than two minutes of the first round. A crowd of 1400 fans attended the fight.

In other fights held at Manchester, Billy Zaduk of Guelph, Ontario, knocked out Billy Marcus of Hartford, Conn. Zaduk, 139, and Marcus, 135. A crowd of 1000 saw this one at the Bedford Grove. That same night the popular Queen City Bobby Conway scored his 11th straight win over Sal Lurie of Boston, Mass. Both scrappers weighed 155 pounds.

The following week, classy Jackie Perkins gave Steve Bellus enough left jabs, mixed with hard right crosses and uppercuts to last the latter for a lifetime and copped all eight rounds of the card-topping bout. Perkins, of Worcester, Mass., outpointed Bellus of Guelph, Ontario, by a wide margin. Perkins tipped the scales at 132 and Bellus, 135.

Maurice Cloutier, 156, Manchester, took everything in the way of a two-fisted attack that Terry Tatro, 162, of Montreal, tossed at him in the first four rounds and then upset the dope sheet for the Canadian with a terrific body attack in the fifth that sent Tatro to the canvas, where he was counted out by Referee Johnny Harko. A week later, Tommy "Red" Wells was stopped by Santiago Riviera of Mexico City, due to injuries to his hands. Wells is a local boy and this marked his second defeat as against more than 50 wins. The Mexican received the official for a technical knockout in the seventh round.

In the semi-final, Beau Dolla of South Africa won on a technical knockout over Tom Nadeau of Suncook, N. H. Dolla, 157; Nadeau, 150. Bobby Conway made it his 14th straight by putting Joe Keenan of Derry, N. H., away in 34 seconds of the first round. Conway, of Manchester, N. H., weighed 146 and Keenan, 150.

The last show at Manchester, N. H., brought together Bobby Pooler, the lightweight king of Maine, against Jimmy Rizzo of Montreal, Canada, before a sellout crowd of 1500.

In the semi-final, Maurice Cloutier, 160, of this city, disposed of Mickey Colton, 165, of Charlestown, Mass., for the count in 43 seconds of the third heat. Fred Gilbo, 136, of Billerica, Mass., gained a four-round draw with Negro Eddie Moran, 135, of Boston, Mass., in the curtain-raiser, and in the next bout, Sal Larue, 155, of Boston, went to a four-round draw with Jerry Cook, 147, Lowell, Mass.

Attention to all promoters, managers, etc.: In order to give this state of New Hampshire full coverage in THE RING Magazine, please send me all your notes and records with newspaper clippings each month before the fifth. Send the material to: Ralph G. Peloquin, 80 York Street, Berlin, N. H.

IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

INDIANAPOLIS will have its biggest fight in recent years on the eve of the famous 500-mile race which will be held on Decoration Day. Lloyd Carter, local promoter, is planning a gigantic boxing program in which he will feature two outstanding heavyweight contenders in the main go for boxing and race fans who will attend the world's largest racing event.

Jack Dempsey, the Manassa Mauler, will be the third man in the ring. Also on the program will be Willard Reed, state heavyweight champion, a recent Army dischargee and one of the most popular punchers ever developed in local boxing circles.

Carter and Archie Hindman, state boxing chairman, recently returned from New York, where they signed two of the nation's top heavies as principals in the main event. The bout will be held at the Coliseum, which will seat nearly 15,000 fans for a boxing show. Two other popular heavyweights will be added to the bill.

Willard Reed, local heavyweight, attracted Indianapolis' largest boxing crowd in the last few years when he won by a knockout over Lindy Elliott of Chicago in five rounds at the Armory. It was a bruising battle while it lasted.

Reed maneuvered the Windy City heavy, who weighed 232 pounds to Reed's 199, into a corner during the middle of the fifth session and put over a smashing right-hand wallop to the chin that spelled the end.

In other bouts on the bill James Sherron, local welter, won by a third round (52 seconds) T.K.O. over Charles Morris of Cincinnati; Bob Beamon, Indianapolis lightweight, decisioned Jim Wiley, Cincinnati, in four rounds; Bob Caine, Indianapolis middleweight, won over Joe Harvey, Anderson, in four rounds, and Art Arbuckle, Indianapolis, won by a T.K.O. over Tiger Kiggans, another local welter, in the third round of a scheduled four.

Two other cities in Indiana have reopened to boxing, Hammond and Ft. Wayne. Shows in Ft. Wayne are promoted by Bruff Cleary, who will stage fight cards on a monthly basis. In Hammond, boxing programs are under the sponsorship of the Beth-Els Men's Club, with Ed Zolla in charge.

Charlie Banks, Cincinnati light-heavyweight mauler, flashed much ring class at the Armory in annexing a ten-round decision from Bob Garner of Louisville.

Milton Bess, Indianapolis welter, hammered out a one-sided decision over Bud Kelly of Cincinnati in the six-round semi-windup. Kelly was floored twice and barely managed to stay the distance.

Bob Beamon, Indianapolis lightweight, was ahead on points all the way over Oliver Cobbins, Newport, Ky., in an interesting five-round mill.

Al Johnson, local middleweight, won over Tiger Kiggans, local welter, who spotted the victor at least ten pounds. The bout was stopped during the second round and awarded to Johnson by T.K.O.

In the opening four-rounder, Nick Taras, Cincinnati, won over Bob Caine, Indianapolis middleweight.

Young Chuck Wiggins, nephew of the late Chuck Wiggins, is following in the footsteps of his famous uncle, who fought Harry Greb, Gene Tunney, Tiger Flowers, Tommy Gibbons, Primo Carnera and many other topnotchers. He is entering pro ring circles under the guidance of Gene Jackson, local fight mentor. Wiggins, like many other G.I.'s, gained considerable boxing experience in the Army and is regarded as a good prospect. Stablemates of Wiggins fighting under the Jackson banner are Al Sheridan, Pedro Carsonia and Bob Caine.

Tommy Charles of Terre Haute, Ind., state light-heavyweight champion, made a successful trek into Texas, where he was victorious in four of five bouts during the month. He won over Pancho Madrano and Tom Attra in Houston, drew with Attra in Beaumont and won over Blackie Deer and Buddy Thomas in Lubbock.

Tom Leeper, who operates one of the biggest stables of fighters in the Mid-West, has moved his gymnasium to a downtown spot in Indianapolis. Now located at 24 S. Illinois St., Leeper is schooling his charges in a more spacious swatorium. Numbered among his entourage are such boxing stalwarts as Colion Chaney, Johnny Denson, Sparky Reynolds, Tommy Charles, Buddy Best, Raymond Glenn and Red Parker.

RING SCRAPS—Paul Stedina, Gary Golden Gloves champion (1932), is now instructing a class of youngsters at the Whiting, Ind., Community Center twice a week .... Roy Lewis, Muncie, Ind., mitt-tosser, is a member of the police force in his city .... Newt Ringer, state boxing commission secretary, has won wide acclaim as one of this state's best basketball referees .... Archie Hindman, boxing czar of Indiana, was formerly a boxing promoter and manager in Indiana. Since his appointment as commissioner, he has reopened several fight clubs in Indiana .... Hank McClain, former outstanding local amateur, has received a discharge from the Marines. While stationed on Guam he took part in several boxing exhibitions. . . . Our address is 1325 E. Tabor St., Indianapolis 3, Ind.

PROFILE—Tenth in a series dealing with local boxing personalities. This month we salute Melvin "Happy" Atherton, popular Indianapolis referee. Born in the Hoosier capital, Happy fought as a bantam, feather and flyweight and had 185 pro fights in which he met five former world's champions. Petey Sarron, Fidel LaBarba, Izzy Schwartz, Midget Wolgast, Newsboy Brown and Midget Smith are some of the men Atherton met. He stands only 5 feet 2½ inches high and has been a referee for the past dozen years. One of his last fights was against Midget Smith, then British flyweight champion, in the Garden. He won the bout but was forced to retire from the ring soon after as a result of injuries received. He is employed by a local manufacturer as a millwright.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

A FEW more new clubs will open this month in this section—West Springfield, under Al Caroly and George Sheppard; Holyoke will stage shows outdoors at one of the ball parks, and Joe DeMaria will open the Brattleboro, Vt., club. North Adams, Mass., will get going, with Jimmy Quinton as matchmaker.

Keene, N. H., opened up last month, with Joseph Stanton of 102 Merrinick St., Manchester, N. H., as matchmaker. Nelson Brice is the matchmaker in Burlington, Vt. Jimmy DeForest, Box 163, Fisherville, Mass., is making matches for Southbridge, Mass.

Westover Field Army Base has a promising welterweight in Young Gabriel.

Springfield has quite a few good fighters now: St. Paul, middleweight, under LeRoy Jackson; Art McAlpine, heavyweight, under Harry Duffy and LeRoy Jackson; Young Junior and Dolly King under Harry Stone, and Gary "Red Cap" Cooper and Sammy Sawyer, under the writer. Joe O'Brien has Kid Williams, welterweight, and Meddy Rheaume, middleweight.

Leo Bradley has an excellent middleweight in Joe Nelson.

Tommy Jessup, the sensational knockout king of this section, is back in harness after service in the Pacific. He won his first two starts by knockouts.

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Vito Tallarita and Ray Fisher will promote amateur boxing at the V.F.W. Arena, Belmont Ave., Thompsonville, Conn. Both are veterans of over four years' service in the Navy.

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BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By IRVING RUDD

A LITTLE anecdote amplifying the graciousness and loyalty of Joe Louis made the rounds in Stillman's Gym recently . . . George Nicholson, the burly sparmate of the Brown Bomber, who has been with Louis for every important fight since 1936, approached Joe when the heavyweight king was preparing to embark on a light training regimen . . .

"When do you want me to report to you, Joe?" Nicholson asked. "I'm sorry," was Louis' reply, "you're not gonna box for me no more." The sparring partner whom Louis could never dent in 1,000 rounds of boxing was crestfallen.

Joe's face was wreathed in a rare grin as he continued and told Nicholson: "I'm making you my assistant trainer and putting you in charge of the sparring partners."

Thus, Nicholson's good services to Louis, his companionship to the champ, and all-around geniality have been well rewarded. Although he had about thirty professional bouts, the fighting career of George Nicholson, stretching over a period of more than 10 years, is one of the strangest in boxing. Nicholson made his living almost exclusively as a sparmate of Joe Louis. When asked to what he attributed his amazing success as a give and take slugger with the usually feared Detroit Destroyer, Nicholson declared that he somehow instinctively knew just what to do in there with Louis. "I never seemed to be as good in real fights with the chips down as I was when training with Joe," Nicholson recalled. "For which thank God," George murmured fervently as he fingered his unmarked physiognomy . . .

Another of the famous historic fight clubs in the East, the Laurel Gardens in Newark, N. J., will be razed to make way for some other structure in the near future . . . While New York boxing fans may squawk about some of the $20 tops charged for Garden bouts, they should feel sympathetic towards their English brethren who paid $21 tops for the Jackie Paterson-Theo Medina scrap in London . . . Outdoor tilts this summer will bring top fees of $50 or more in England . . . Speaking of the outdoors, seven open air clubs are expected to run this summer in New York.

Fritzie Zivic finally scored his first win after seven consecutive drubbings when he defeated Levi Southall in Kansas City last month, but was promptly trounced by Tony Elizondo a week later . . . Johnny Flynn, Rochester, New York, heavyweight, who was ranked among the first ten contenders before the war, recently scored a knockout over Bob Ross of Gary, Indiana, to clinch a contest for his Army team in a tourney against soldiers from the Mediterranean area . . . Jack Attell, manager of Oakland Billy Smith, sensational Coast light-heavyweight, who is expected to come to New York soon, predicted that Smith would win by a kayo in ten rounds from Lloyd Marshall in a letter to Nat Fleischer written a day before Smith stopped Marshall in nine heats . . . Tippy Larkin, although he has been knocked out by Henry Armstrong, Al Davis, Lew Jenkins, and Beau Jack, hasn't lost via a decision since Jackie Kid Berg outpointed him on June 6, 1939 . . .

Al Reid, popular Bronx featherweight of some few years back, has just been discharged from the Coast Guard and will go into business in his home bailiwick . . .

Mickey McAvoy, veteran Brooklyn heavyweight, was the first sparring partner to be engaged by either Louis or Conn for the big shindig . . . The Brooklyn Mick will work with Conn . . . The old adage, "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned," was amply illustrated by Miss Adrienne Cote, 22-year-old Lewiston, Maine, lover of boxing, who applied for a judge's license . . . Turned down by the commission, Miss Cote has just begun to fight and will go to court to press approval of her application . . . E. J. Beard, an oldtime fight fan from Rochester, New York, is probably the only living American to have witnessed the historic John L. Sullivan-Charley Mitchell bout at Chantilly, France, on March 10, 1888 . . . Young Stuhley, former middleweight contender, is promoting boxing in Kewanee, Illinois . . . Mike Jacobs and his entire 20th Century S.C. staff will move their headquarters into the Madison Square Garden building only a few doors down the hall from THE RING'S offices . . . Barney Ross has signed with the E. S. Lowe Co., manufacturers of adult games and sporting goods, as a technical sports adviser.

Jock Leslie, blonde-haired featherweight kayo artist, who first made good in local rings, visited THE RING offices recently after setting some kind of record for an outsider with ten sensational appearances down in New Orleans . . . Some of our greatest fighters can't even punch their way out of a paper bag! . . . That's an honest to goodness fact, for on the CBS radio show, "County Fair," a huge paper bag, large enough to hold a man inside, has been erected, and each week some fistic celebrity literally attempts to punch his way out of a paper bag . . . No one has succeeded thus far and the jackpot prize is growing each week.

Arthur (Young Otto) Susskind, veteran New York referee, has been forced to the sidelines due to illness and will serve as a judge hereafter . . . Otto was one of the greatest punchers in the lightweight class when he was a boxer . . . The famed uptown community center, Harlem House, which developed such outstanding boxing figures as Dominick Petrone, Lew Hurley, Tony Vaccarelli, and Al Ramo, will hold a dance and dinner at the Hotel Pennsylvania on May 25 . . . Howcum a boxer with a kayo record against him as long as your arm is permitted to box despite an obvious affliction of ugly varicose veins in his left leg? . . . Also, shouldn't the microphone used by Don Dunphy and Bill Corum be moved to another spot at the Garden ringside? . . . Several judges have complained to this pillar that they become confused while judging a bout and listening to Dunphy and Corum's individual opinion . . .

Bill Heydorn, popular promoter at the Queensboro Arena in prewar days is back in town after a long siege of illness . . . Paul Berlenbach, former light-heavyweight king, has had his first song, entitled "I Have You Today," published by an outstanding New York music house . . . Harold Green, suspended following his fiasco with Rocky Graziano, is back in action . . . After going into the red for $2100, the promoters of the Golden Gate Arena threw in the sponge . . . Georgie Abrams, leading middleweight contender before he enlisted in the Navy, is back in Stillman's Gym training for a crack at some of the topnotch 160 pounders . . .

"The man who blasts his foes with atomic finality," is the way Harry Balogh introduced Rocky Graziano from the Garden ring several times prior to his fight with Marty Servo, and it was definitely with "atomic finality" that the Rockem-Sockem kid from the East Side belted, pelted, bashed and smashed Welterweight Champion Marty Servo into Queer Street to stop Marty in 1:52 of the second round of a scheduled ten-round non-title go in Madison Square Garden.

A crowd of 19,088 fight fans contributed to the largest gate in the history of the Garden for a bout featuring men below the heavyweight class as they poured $173,163 into the till; the huge House that Tex Built having been completely sold out at least two weeks prior to the fight.

Servo, who suffered his first knockout in more than fifty pro fights, caught a few good punches at the beginning of the opening canto, but came back to more than hold his own at close range as he fired several fierce lefts into Graziano's kisser. An indication of what was in store for Servo was revealed as Rocky cut loose with plenty of rights that missed Servo's whiskers by a scant margin. Had any of these punches landed, the welter king would have been blasted into the balcony.

At the start of the second round Servo attempted to carry the fight to Graziano by staying in close and nullifying the effect of Rocky's wide sweeping dynamite punches. As both men were sparring in midring, Graziano let go a terrific right which apparently landed on the body, but which the East Sider later declared landed flush on Servo's chin. Nevertheless, Servo bounced down on the seat of his trunks and bounced right up again at "two."

Before Servo could gather his wits, and before Referee Arthur Donovan could move to wipe off Marty's gloves, Graziano, a natural killer in the ring, charged forward and a crushing right sent Servo sprawling into the ropes. Rocky was all over his man with a barrage of blows and Marty slumped down and took a count of eight.

Up again, Servo seemed momentarily to have snapped out of it as he attempted to circle and box Graziano. Rocky started another crushing barrage, topped it with a terrific right, and the champion was down again. When he climbed to his feet this time, Servo staggered toward his own corner, grasping the top strand of the ropes as if seeking a respite from the punishment and Donovan wisely intervened.

Graziano weighed 152, Servo, 144½. The judges were George LeCron and Marty Monroe.

In a good semi-final six which was lost in the shuffle after the breathtaking main event, Lou Valles, 146, New York, defeated Howie Brodt, 147½, Oneida, N. Y. Joey Carkido, 137¾, Youngstown, O., outpointed Joey Manfro, 140, Bronx, in six rounds.

Other sixes saw Frankie Gromada, 141, New York, get off the floor twice to beat Willie Odom, 140, New York, and Pete Virgin, 128, Schenectady, N. Y., stablemate of Servo, knock out Tommy Beato, 125½, Santo Domingo, in 2:04 of the first frame.

In the first four rounder, Len Harding, 147, Montreal, won over Bobby Morgan, 144, Manchester, Conn., and in the other four spot, Joe Lucignano, 146, Bayonne, N. J., stopped Jackie Connors, 149, Newark, in 2:12 of the last round.

Staging a rally in the last two rounds that saw him finish stronger and obviously ahead by a clear margin, Willie Joyce, 139, Gary, Indiana, Negro dynamo, had to be content with a draw verdict after his battle with Danny Kapilow, 142¾, Brooklyn, at the end of ten rattling good rounds before 10,179 spectators at Madison Square Garden.

Eddie Eagan's vaunted point system was completely worthless judging by the complete disagreement of the officials in their final compilations. Referee Frank Fullam scored his rounds and points even at 5 and 5 and voted for a draw. Judge Harold Barnes saw Joyce slightly ahead, five rounds to four, with one even, while Judge Bill Healy had an absurdly lopsided score in favor of Kapilow, seven rounds to three! This scribe tallied for Willie, six rounds to four.

The bout, a four day replacement for the cancelled Mauriello-Baksi tiff, was an exciting, thrill-packed punchfest all the way. The opening canto went to Kapilow as he stepped around, throwing sharp, telling punches at Joyce's head. Willie kept moving steadily forward, a tactic he was to continue all night.

Joyce came back to force the fighting all the way in the second stanza, but again Kapilow, punching calculatingly, landed some stiff punches to cop the third. Willie was the complete master of Kapilow in the fourth frame, forcing the fight and landing punches with little opposition through the entire round.

Going into the ninth round it was anybody's fight as Kapilow stung Joyce with some good punches, although both of Danny's eyes were almost closed. In the last two rounds Joyce moving forward in a style reminiscent of Henry Armstrong's, seemed to get the best of all punching exchanges.

In the prelims, Billy Grant, 172½, Orange, N. J., took the best that Onelio Agramonte, 176, Cuba, had to offer, and outsmarted the latter to take a six-round decision in the best fight of the night.

Jackie Cranford, 181¾, Washington, D. C., was leading over Oscar Goode, 186, Newark, N. J., when Goode threw his right arm out of kilter and had to quit at the beginning of the fourth round. Art McAlpine, 182, Springfield, Mass., won in six from Harold Raskin, 188½, Chicago, while Cleo Everett, 196½, Detroit, decisioned Jimmy Bell, 190¾, Washington, D. C., in another six-rounder.

Ted Walters, 204¾, New York, won in sensational style from George Bonar, 192, New Haven, Conn., in the opener. Ted went down after first sending Bonar to the canvas, then dropped George twice more to stop him at 2:58 of the first round. Bernard McCluskey, 152½, Canada, defeated Johnny Harvey, 155, Port Chester, N. Y., in an emergency four.

Julio Cesar Jiminez, 138, colorful, mustachioed Mexican scrapper, won his first main event on the Big Time circuit when he outroughed, outpunched, and outmauled the rugged Cleo Shans, 138, Los Angeles, Cal., in a bruising ten-rounder at the St. Nicholas Arena.

Winner of three Garden prelim bouts, Jiminez began early to hammer Cleo about the body and head, almost dropping his man in the first canto. The experienced Shans worked his way in close thereafter and clung to Julio, meanwhile scoring frequently to the ribs with short, digging jolts.

Shans kept crowding and clutching Jiminez, and the crowd booted while Cleo literally used his head, the laces of his gloves, and other subtle influences to open a cut over his opponent's eye. Shans succeeded in opening a cut over Julio's right eye, but the Mexican pasted the California Negro consistently with thumping lefts and rights to the head in retaliation. Referee Ray Miller penalized Shans the eighth round for his rough tactics. The decision in favor of Jiminez was unanimous.

In sixes, Ted Walters, 202, West Side, decisioned William Brown, 188½, Bronx. Jimmy Evans, 177¼, Brooklyn, flattened Luther McMillen, 172, Brooklyn, in 2:11 of the third. Steve Sabatino, 157, Brooklyn, kayoed Baudelio Valencia, 159, Mexico, in 46 seconds of the fifth round, and Johnny Wolgast, 126¼, Philadelphia, Pa., whipped William LeGree, 130, New York.

The opener between Teddy Wilson, 156, Bronx, and Bill Lauderman, 154, Dallas, Texas, resulted in a popular four-round draw.

Tippy Larkin, 140¾, Garfield, N. J., contender, outboxed and outpunched the game and willing Nick Moran, 140¼, Mexico, to take an easy, unanimous ten-round decision in Madison Square Garden before a crowd of 12,076.

This was the second battle between the two, the first having been a rousing thriller with Larkin winning by a closer margin than he did in the encore. Tippy was far out in front this time on the ballots of Referee Benny Leonard who saw it at 8-2 for Larkin as did THE RING correspondent, Tom Guilfoyle, who had it 7 to 3 for Tippy, and Frank Forbes, who tallied nine heats for Larkin, with a lone canto to Moran.

Larkin took the first three rounds with ease, moving around shiftily, all the while uncorking plenty of snappy punches that shook Moran several times. The fourth saw both boys exchange punches in a great round of slugging with the Mexican the aggressor throughout.

Nick copped the fifth frame, although he was rocked by Tippy with some sizzling right hand shots to the chin. Larkin blasted away with terrific wallops in the sixth heat and staggered Moran, but could not seem to set him up for a kayo.

Larkin's right eye was somewhat bruised in the seventh and Tippy had a big mouse going into the eighth round, but the Garfield Italian kept beating his durable foe to the punch to win going away in the last three chapters.

Eddie Compo, 127, promising New Haven featherweight, outslugged Filberto Osario, 123½, in a good six-round semi-final. In a six staged after the main go, Charley Hayes, 161½, Detroit, making his local debut, got off the canvas, and despite a badly bruised left eye, went on to defeat Buddy Farrell, 156, Newark, N. J.

Other sixes saw J. C. Wilkens, 162, Bronx, win over Jimmy Elliott, 165, Baltimore, Md., and Freddie Addeo, 146½, Brooklyn, outpointed Joe Torrens, 143, Puerto Rico.

Tony Mancuso, 151, Montreal, decisioned Gilberto Ramirez, 155, Mexico City, in the four-round opener.

Coley Welch, 161, seasoned Portland, Maine, campaigner, virtually eliminated Sonny Horne, 158¼, Valley Stream, L. I., as a middleweight contender and placed himself in a position for a crack at the leaders, as he handily defeated Horne in a ten-round star bout at the St. Nicholas Arena.

Welch, using a good left lead and boxing steadily, jarred Horne's head back several times as he connected with good right hand shots to the chin. Coley copped the first two cantos, but Sonny, by dint of better boxing and good counter fighting, pulled slightly ahead in the next three rounds.

The boys were all even going into the seventh heat, but Welch began piling up points as he forced the fighting and landed the harder blows. In the tenth stanza, Welch subjected Horne to a good two fisted body barrage and had blood streaming steadily from Sonny's left eye at the gong.

The decision of Referee Frank Fullam and Judges Artie Schwartz and Joe Agnello was unanimous. A crowd of 3,814 paid $14,597.

In an eight-round semi-final following the main go, Ray Powell, 145½, Newark, outpointed Billy Grier, 151½, Detroit. A corking emergency four-round bout ended in victory for Al Mendez, 148, New York, as he stopped Bernie Harper, 147, Bronx, in 2:09 of the second round after some furious slugging.

In other prelims, Bernard McCloskey, 153¼, Nova Scotia, flattened Baudelio Valencia, 160¾, Mexico, in 1:07 of the third; Roddy McDonald, 155½, Canada, belted out Lionel Johnson, 146¾, Brooklyn, in 1:41 of the second frame, and Vince Gambill, 149½, El Reno, Oklahoma, outpointed Charley Howard, 149, Pittsburgh, Pa. These three bouts were scheduled six-rounders.

James Carter, 130, New York, defeated Joey Krikis, 132, Bronx, in a four-rounder.

Flashy Ray Robinson, generally hailed as the "uncrowned king of the welters" fought in his home bailiwick of Harlem for the first time when he knocked out Freddie Flores of Jamaica in 2:52 of the fifth round of a scheduled ten at the Golden Gate Arena. An overflow crowd jammed the famed palace of jive, contributing to a gross gate of $6,604.07, with part of the proceeds going to the Police Athletic Fund and the Salem A.M.E. Church. Sugar Ray generously contributed his entire purse, amounting to $1,605 to the cause.

After five rounds of uneventful milling, Robinson got going and doubled up Flores with a terrific right to the stomach. Freddie sagged to the canvas for a five count and was promptly bounced to the floor again for "six" upon arising. Another right hand punch to the chin dumped Flores flat on his kisser and Referee Barney Felix didn't even bother to count him out. Although he spotted his man twelve pounds, Robinson at 150, weighed more than he ever has for any of his previous fights.

In sixes Frank Rosen, 138, Brooklyn, decisioned Jimmy Presha, 141½, Harlem. George Baltieri, 142, Brooklyn, whipped Everett Chapman, 141½, New York, and Willie LeGree, 125½, New York, drew with George Wright, 122¾, Philadelphia.

Russell Wright, 146½, Brooklyn, defeated Bomar Macklin, 145½, New York, in the four-round opener.

The Irish came through with flying colors on a St. Patrick's Eve show at the Ridgewood Grove when Jimmy McDonough, 150, Brooklyn, beat Rudy Campa, 150, Los Angeles, Cal., and Pat Scanlon, 140, Ozone Park, L. I., outpunched Enrique Rodea, 139½, Mexico, in two feature eight-round bouts.

Campa, a last-minute sub, proved to be a game, aggressive opponent for McDonough, who had to travel at top speed all the way to cop the duke.

The Scanlon-Rodea mill was a slashing slugfest all the way. The referee was Ray Miller, the only man ever to knock out Jimmy McLarnin.

Another Hibernian scrapper, Davey "Red" Allen, 126, knocked out Johnny Land, 131, Newark, N. J., in 1:12 of the first of a slated six. In another six, Phil Cardy, 136, East Side, won from Pete Manchio, 138, Greenwich Village.

Tony Mancuso, 148, Brooklyn, was too strong for the willing Hugh Stell, 146½, Los Angeles, Cal., as he took a four-round decision. In the curtain raiser, William Brown, 193, Bronx, defeated Ben Pickett, 176, San Francisco, Cal.

Another ex-serviceman found the comeback trail a bit too steep when Vinnie Rossano, 147, Brooklyn, who won the Purple Heart at Anzio, was defeated by 3 to 1 underdog, Cosby Linson, 153, New Orleans, in a ten-round mill at the St. Nicholas Arena.

Linson dominated the infighting throughout the entire ten rounds, scoring almost at will to the body, as he handily won the unanimous decision of Referee Harry Ebbetts, and Judges Jack Goodman and John Potter. A crowd of 2,718 contributed to a gate of $6,558.

In sixes Rocco Rossano, 147½, outpointed Pat Murray, 143¾, Paterson, N. J., Billy Johnson, 170, Wilmington, N. C., outmauled Solly Zalter, 165, Montreal, Vic Amato, 163¾, Brooklyn, knocked out Vic Chambers, 166, Brooklyn, in 1:56 of the first round, and Mike Decosmo, 141, Elizabeth, N. J., stopped Gunner Larsen, 138¾, West Side, in 2:04 of the second round.

The opener went to Bobby Morgan, 144½, West Side, as he decisioned George Paliotta, 139½, Bronx, in four heats.

A supposedly washed up veteran, Tony Marteliano, East Side welterweight, punched his way back into the picture by defeating one of the most promising youngsters in the game today, Phil Palmer, in a thrilling ten-rounder at the Broadway Arena. Marteliano, who, at 147, had a six-pound weight advantage over Palmer, was given little chance to defeat the boy from Vancouver, B. C. Recently out of his Coast Guard uniform, Marteliano started at a quick pace, taking three out of the first four rounds with plenty to spare. In the fifth round, Tony almost punched himself out of a victory as he tried for a kayo after having Palmer hurt and reeling.

Phil took the sixth and seventh stanzas as Tony seemed to fade, but the New York gamester rallied to stand off his foe and win the unanimous decision.

Filberto Osario, 124, Puerto Rico, had little trouble trouncing Paul Madrid, 130½, Mexico, in the six-round semi-final.

A newcomer, Larry Sloan, 125½, Montreal, floored and defeated Billy Pinti, 128½, Rome, N. Y., in a six spot. In listed fours Hal Robbins, 138, Vancouver, B. C., flattened Billy Gibbons, 134, Paterson, N. J., in 2:58 of the first, Eddie Wilson, 186½, Gainesville, Texas, belted out Zeke Brown, 176¼, Bronx, in 1:32 also in the first frame, and Joey Krikis, 132¾, Bronx, travelled the distance to defeat Clifton Bordies, 129½, Bay Shore, L. I.

Tony Janiro, 147¾, flashy Youngstown, O., welter contender, set a record for gate receipts at the newly established Park Arena when an overflow crowd paid more than $6,000 to see him knock out Vic Pignataro, 140¼, Bronx, with a right to the chin in 55 seconds of the fourth round in the scheduled eight-round main go.

Janiro dropped Vic twice for nine counts in the third. In the fatal fourth, Tony dumped Pignataro, who clambered to his knees at the count of eight, but collapsed as Referee Johnny Burns signified it was all over.

Johnny DeMaio, 151½, Bronx, defeated Hugh Stell, 147½, Los Angeles, in the six-round semi-final. In other sixes, Fred Yeager, 136¾, Stamford, Conn., whipped Jasper O'Hanley, 142½, Montreal, and Mel Hawkins, 157¾, Jamaica, L. I., knocked out Don Anderson, 159¼, Bronx, in 1:57 of the third heat.

John LaRusso, 130, Bronx, outpointed Sammy Zelman, 128, Montreal, in a four-rounder. In another four, William Brown, 199, Bronx, stopped Jimmy Letty, 196, Brooklyn, in 44 seconds of the third.

Patsy Giovanelli, 136, Brooklyn, stopped Charley Varre, 138, also of Brooklyn, at the end of the sixth round at the Jamaica Arena after having split Charley's eye wide open in an early round. Another capacity crowd was on hand to witness the third offering of ex-Major Earl Breitbard, first of the new postwar promoters in the New York area.

Varre, making his first start since his Army discharge, tried to hold his own at the outset, but after the first frame, Giovanelli scored frequently inside with good body punches and occasional wallops to the head. After he had opened Varre's eye in the third, Patsy pounded his foe about the injured optic and when the sixth round ended, the commission medico ordered the bout stopped.

In the semi six, Joey Carkido, 138, Youngs-

town, O., spotted Jackie Connors of Newark nine pounds and outspeeded Jackie to take the decision. Paul Midiri, 130, Corona, L. I., pasted Joe Tambe, 125, Buffalo, N. Y., in another six. A third six went to Clarence Wilkerson, 166, Bronx, who defeated Walter Smith, 171, Detroit.

Tony LaRocca, 143, Jamaica, L. I., came from behind to knock out plucky Marty Bell, 138, Newark, N. J., with but thirteen seconds to go in the fourth and final heat. The opener ended quickly as DeWitt Dean, 153, Detroit, stopped Bill Lauderman, 156, New York, in the second stanza.

The fighting career of Patsy Giovanelli, Brooklyn Italian lightweight, who was defeated but once in thirty-five bouts before joining the Army, came to a sad end as Charley (Cabey) Lewis, also from Brooklyn, battered and butchered his neighborhood adversary before stopping him in 2:29 of the seventh round of a scheduled eight at the St. Nicholas Arena.

Giovanelli, engaging in his sixth fight since his discharge, was cut badly in the left eye in the second round. Lewis, displaying sparkling form, was too fast and cagey for his game foe, and after he cut the other eye, and had Patsy's nose bleeding freely, Referee Young Otto stepped in and stopped the scrap.

A crowd of 3,200 was on hand and paid $7,834. Lewis scaled 130, five pounds less than Giovanelli. The judges were Joe Agnello and Charley Shortell.

In sixes, Luther McMillen, 171½, Brooklyn, defeated Johnny Harvey, 162, Port Chester, N. Y., Rocco Rossano, 147, Brooklyn, halted Gunner Larson, 139, Brooklyn, in 1:47 of the fourth, and Baudelio Valencia, 163½, Mexico City, broke a losing streak of seventeen straight as he finally won over Nick Melli, 155, Brooklyn.

The fours saw Johnny LaRusso, 131, Bronx, knock out Clifton Bordies, 132, Bay Shore, L. I., in 1:44 of the fourth and Tommy Daniels, 135½, Garfield, N. J., defeated Frankie Rosen, 139, Brooklyn.

Johnny Colan, 177¾, Hell's Kitchen light-heavyweight, who was ranked among the first ten contenders before he enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1942, made his postwar debut a most auspicious one when he knocked out Charley Harvey, 186½, Woodhaven, in 1:38 of the sixth round of a scheduled eight at the Ridgewood Grove.

A capacity crowd, the thirteenth straight sell-out for Matchmaker Moe Fleischer, saw Colan finish his man with a left hook and a short right chop to the chin. Referee Harry Gleicher counted Harvey out as the tall heavyweight tried in vain to beat the fatal "ten."

Two other servicemen, topnotchers before joining the colors, also looked good in their first postwar tilts. Roman Alvarez, 140½, East Side, easily defeated durable Bobby Cummings, 145, Philadelphia, in an eight-rounder, while Vic Creelman, 136, West Side, won over Nick Primiani, 138½, Montreal, in a third eight.

Steve Sabatino, 157, Brooklyn, was battering game Johnny Rellich, 158, East Side, at will and the referee halted their slated six at 1:34 of the second canto. The opener also ended in a kayo when Tommy Smith, 145, Ridgewood, stopped Teddy Wilson, 150, Bronx, in 2:49 of the second round.

Joey Varoff, 139¾, East Side protege of Ray Arcel, won his fourth straight fight since being discharged from the Coast Guard when he staved off a late rally to defeat Vic Costa, 146, Bronx, at the Broadway Arena in the star bout of eight rounds.

Varoff boxed masterfully, giving a beautiful exhibition of the manly art for the first five rounds, but faded in the closing chapters while Costa kept coming on. The decision was a split one.

Leo Milito, 129½, East Side, boxing eight rounds for the first time, racked up his twentieth straight win without a defeat as he handily whipped Charley Noel, 131, Brooklyn, in a good bout. Johnny Vann, 141, East Side, quickly kayoed Gilberto Ramirez, 149½, Mexico, in 29 seconds of the first frame. This was a scheduled six. Roddy MacDonald, 155½, Edmonton, Canada, pasted the daylights out of Lew Perez, 158, Puerto Rico, in another six.

Billy Simmons, 138½, Flushing, L. I., defeated Everett Chapman, 140½, Bronx, in four rounds and Harold Robbins, 139½, Vancouver, B. C., knocked out Lou Anderson, 137½, Bronx, in 51 seconds of the first round.

Joey Dolan, 126, Spokane, Washington, who was the victim of a bad decision in a previous battle with Danny Carabella, 121, Bronx, evened the score with his swarthy rival at the Park Arena before a crowd of 3,000, but this time the split eight-round decision favoring Dolan was again unpopular.

Referee Lou Boughton's deciding tally in favor of Dolan was ridiculously out of line at seven rounds to one, and the crowd who paid $4,097 at the gate booed and jeered.

In the eight-round semi-final Irving Palefsky, 147, Bronx, outscored Artie Tedesco, 145, Jersey City. Jimmy Evans, 177, Brooklyn, beat Johnny Davis, 187, Brooklyn, in six rounds.

Dick Schiavone, 136, Bronx, defeated Billy Gibbons, 131, Paterson, N. J., in a four-rounder. In another four, Tony Bertucci, 153, Brooklyn, won from Bernie Harper, 149½, Bronx, while in the opener Sammy Zelman, 130½, Montreal, outpointed Joey Krikis, 133, Bronx.

Finishing fast in the closing rounds, Sonny Horne, 160¾, Valley Stream, L. I., contender, won a split decision from aggressive Stanley (Baby) Sims, 159½, New York, in the feature eight-rounder at the Jamaica Arena before 2,421 fans.

Patsy Zoccano, 145½, Montreal, who has been beaten more often than your living room rug, surprised everyone, including himself, when he stopped Tony DeSalvo, 140, Corona, L. I., in 2:55 of the third of a scheduled six. In a second six spot, Freddie Yeager, 137½, Stamford, Conn., decisioned Lou Daniels, 135½, New York, while Vic Amato, 162, New York, halted Harry Gary, 160½, Harlem, in 2:23 of the second round of a bout also slated for six sessions.

Freddy Menna, 151, Jamaica, L. I., knocked out Freddy Burns, 155, New York, in 22 seconds of the second canto, and Tony LaRocca, 143, Jamaica, knocked out Bomar Macklin, 145, New York, in 1:11 of the first round in the four-round prelims.

Mayhew Smith, 146½, Raleigh, N. C., won a hard fought, unanimous decision over Wayland Douglas, 147, Brooklyn, in a good eight-round star bout slugfest at the Golden Gate Arena. The referee was Al Berl and the judges Arthur Aidala and Benny Nabors.

In the eight-round semi-final, Jimmy Pierce, 141, Vancouver, B. C., outpointed Ruby Garcia, 140¼, Puerto Rico. The scheduled sixes failed to go the distance as Johnny DeMaio, 151½, Bronx, knocked out Teddy Wilson, 151, Harlem, in 1:29 of round one, and Jerry Frazier, 157, Harlem, flattened Johnny Williams, 152, New York, in 39 seconds of the first frame.

In the opening four, Patsy Franco, 138, Verona, N. J., defeated Johnny Land, 132½, Newark, N. J.

Joe Governale, 157¼, Bensonhurst, Brooklyn middleweight, handily defeated his neighborhood rival, Larry Fontana, 161½, while taking a unanimous eight-round decision before a packed house at the Ridgewood Grove.

Governale proved too strong and rugged at infighting, scoring with two fisted barrages to the head and body at close range. Fontana was cut under the left eye in the fifth round. There were no knockdowns.

Bally Carubia, 154½, Astoria, L. I., stopped Teddy O'Dell, 159, Passaic, N. J., at the end of the third round when Teddy claimed he had injured his left mitt. Ex-Army Air Forces Lt. Bob Boucher, 151½, Nebraska City, Neb., drove home a terrific right under the heart of Felix Morales, 145, Jamaica, L. I., to stop his man in 2:07 of the first of a scheduled sixer.

In other bouts, Paddy DeMarco, 136½, Brooklyn, won in six from Gunnar Larson, 139, Brooklyn, while in the fours, Joey Krikis, 132½, Bronx, defeated Billy Gibbons, 128½, Paterson, N. J., and Tony Bertucci, 151½, Brooklyn, outpunched Nat Hutchins, 149, Newark, N. J.

Another new fight club made its debut in New York at the Central Arena and a corporal's guard of 419 paid admissions saw the veteran Bobby McIntire, 140, Detroit, win a split decision over aggressive Maxie Starr, 141, Baltimore, Md., in the featured ten-rounder.

Bobby scored the more effective punches, but Maxie kept coming forward until the final gong. The new club is pitched in the Central Opera House and the promoter should do well if he obtains better talent.

Johnny Taylor, 160, Harlem, defeated Meyer Siegel, 159, Brooklyn, in a six-round bout. In another six Jerome Frazier, 158½, Harlem, stopped Eddie Fay, 152¼, Bronx, in 1:19 of the first stanza. Harry Gary, 161½, Detroit, flattened Eddie Richardson, 161½, Paterson, N. J., in the second round, while George Paliotta, 139, Bronx, outscored Eddie O'Tash, 142, Bridgeport, Conn.

Henry Johnson, 152½, Bronx, knew too much for Andy Faison, 148½, West Side, in a rather tame affair.

Maxie Shapiro, 130½, East Side cutie, had his hands full defeating Jackie Leamus, 136½, Bronx, in the ten-round star bout at the Broadway Arena. Leamus, a last-minute sub for Jimmy McAllister who reported ill, caused Shapiro plenty of trouble. The decision was split, with one of the officials tallying for Jackie.

In a six-rounder, Lou Cassiano, 133, Bronx, outpointed Lou Daniels, 135, New York. Another six saw John Anderson, 160, Bronx, defeat Caesar Ferro, 159, Brooklyn.

Jack Savello, 122, Brooklyn, beat Oscar Feld, 117¼, Brooklyn, in a four-rounder. Two listed fours failed to go the full route as Eddie Wilson, 185, Gainesville, Texas, halted Willie Robinson, 199½, Atlanta, Ga., in 2:21 of the first, and Hy Bronstein, 159½, Bronx, stopped Roy Williams, 161, St. Petersburg, Fla., in 1:49 of the fourth round.

Julie Bort, 137½, Brooklyn, triumphed once more over Juan Carrero, 135¾, Puerto Rico, whom he had previously beaten in a close mill, when he decisively outpointed his rugged rival in the eight-round feature attraction at the Park Arena. A crowd of 3,000 was on hand.

Roddy McDonald, 154¾, Edmonton, Canada, stopped Johnny DeMaio, 151¼, New York, in 2:26 of the second round of a slated six-round semi-final. Pat Kitt, 129½, New York, defeated Sammy Zelman, 127½, Montreal, in a second six spot. A third six went to Vinnie DeMarco, 137½, Brooklyn, as he decisioned Gabby Ferland, 136, Montreal.

In fours, John Thomas, 139, Brooklyn, outpointed Harold Robbins, 139, Vancouver, B. C., and Tommy Daniels, 135¾, Brooklyn, whipped Jimmy Hegeman, 132¾, Brooklyn.

Bobby Ruffin, 138½, Astoria, L. I., captured eight out of eight rounds on the scorecards of Judges Charley Shortell and Sam Cohen and Referee Harry Ebbetts, as he easily stabbed and boxed his way to a unanimous eight-round decision victory over Hubert Samuels, 138½, Philadelphia, Pa., at the Jamaica Arena.

Ruffin hardly extended himself and continually jabbed Hubert at will. The Philly Negro, boxing out of a crouch, did manage to retaliate with left hooks occasionally, but Ruffin got the best of all exchanges.

Archie Devino, 122, Astoria, and Georgie Wright, 121, Philadelphia, stepped six lively rounds to a draw in the semi-windup. In other sixes, Vic Amato, Brooklyn, 163, defeated Lew Perez, 156½, Puerto Rico, and Paul Midiri, 129½, Corona, L. I., won over Harry Diduck, 135½, Brooklyn.

The two slated fours ended in kayoes as Johnny LaRusso, 130½, Bronx, stopped Billy Gibbons, 129, Garfield, N. J., in 1:53 of the third, and Billy Simmons, 136, Flushing, L. I., stopped Johnny Ortega, 137, Brooklyn, in 44 seconds of round one.

Johnny Colan, 176, West Side, fifth ranking light-heavy before he enlisted in the Coast Guard, punched his way closer to the top as he handily defeated veteran Henry Cooper, 198, Brooklyn, in the eight-round star bout at the Ridgewood Grove before a sellout crowd of 4,200.

Although outweighed by 22 pounds, Colan jabbed Cooper incessantly, crossing several staggering right handers to the chin, but failed to bring the durable Cooper down. Referee Jack Watson and Judges Tom Guilfoyle and Charley Rosen all cast their ballots for Colan.

Joe Tambe, 127, Buffalo, N. Y., upset Davey "Red" Allen, 125, New York, in a bloody six-round semi-final. Both boys were bleeding profusely from eye cuts going into the final frame.

Jimmy Evans, 177, Brooklyn, flattened Charley Lomski, 183½, Paterson, N. J., in 2:51 of the second round of a slated six. Rocco Rossano, 147½, Brooklyn, battered his neighborhood rival Nick Melli, 153, helpless, stopping him in 2:43 of the fourth round.

Two other contests ended in knockouts as Walter Duval, 163, Philadelphia, kayoed Cyril Gittens, 165½, Brooklyn, in 1:52 of the first of a scheduled sixer and Tommy Mara, 154¼, White Plains, stopped Art Shepard, 153, Brooklyn, in 1:09 of the second round of the curtain raiser.

Roman Alvarez, 139¾, East Side, aided and abetted by between round whiffs of oxygen from a portable tank used in his corner by the old Silver Fox, Pete Reilly, briskly punched his way to a unanimous ten-round decision over Joey Peralta, 141, Tamaqua, Pa., at the St. Nicholas Arena.

Roman, making his second start since being honorably discharged from the paratroopers, possessed too much youthful zip and zing as he outpunched Peralta all the way. In the fifth, Alvarez opened a slight cut over Joey's left eye, and in the final canto had the Mexican veteran bleeding from the right glimmer. The appearance of Manager Reilly in the corner of one of his charges was his first in quite some time.

In a slated six staged after the star bout, Joe "Sandy" Saddler, 128, New York, uncorked a left hook to the chin of Ralph LaSalle, 128, Puerto Rico, and starched the latter in 44 seconds of the opening inning.

Onelio Agramonte, 175½, Cuba, wasted little time and quickly belted out Tommy Pope, 171, Harlem, in 1:04 of the first of a scheduled six-round bout. Other sixes saw Walter Smith, 172½, Harlem, outpoint Billy Gordon, 171, West Side, and Maxie Spoon, 155, Montreal, defeated Lew Perez, 153, Puerto Rico, in a good slugging bee.

Bill Lauderman, 152, New York, whipped Bernie Harper, 147, Bronx, and Milton Lattimer, 146½, Beacon, N. Y., stopped Dallas Martin, 148, Harlem, in 1:09 of the third in the four-round tilts.

Neva Esparza, 146½, Mexican cutie, eked out a close ten-round decision over Phil Palmer, 142, Vancouver, B. C., in the feature bout at the Broadway Arena.

There was little to choose between the battlers most of the way. Esparza landed a good right hand to Palmer's head in the eighth, but the Canadian almost floored Neva in the ninth, the ropes saving Esparza from a knockdown. The duke was split as Referee Arthur Berger and Judge Gus Galli each scored it six and four for Palmer, but Marty Monroe dissented, giving it to Phil, seven rounds to three.

In a scheduled six, Johnny Taylor, 158¾, Harlem, punched the beejabbers out of Steve Sabatino, 153½, Brooklyn, and stopped him in 39 seconds of the fourth. The second slated six also ended in a kayo when Johnny Vann, 142¾, Brooklyn, knocked out Tommy Daniels, 136, Garfield, N. J., in 23 seconds of the second round.

Clifton Bordies, 130, Bay Shore, L. I., defeated Sam Zelman, 126½, Montreal, in a four-rounder. Billy Simmons, 137¼, Flushing, L. I., halted Marcus McCray, 136, Harlem, in 1:22 of the second heat, while Morris Belkin, 125, East Side, stiffened Julio Garcia, 130, Puerto Rico, in 1:31 of round one of scheduled four spots.

Dropping his man for a one-count in the eighth and final frame, Norman Rubio, 145½, Albany, N. Y., nosed out Vince LaSalva, 146½, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., to win his fifth consecutive fight since his release from the Army before 3,000 fans at the Park Arena.

Rubio who holds prewar decisions over Fritzie Zivic and Red Cochrane was extended throughout the entire eight rounds of almost even milling.

Rocco Rossano, 148, Brooklyn, stopped Nick Restano, 142½, Newark, N. J., in 2:37 of the fourth, and Al Highers, 143, Oneida, N. Y., knocked out Jasper O'Hanley, 141, Montreal, in 2:47 of the third in scheduled six-round contests. Harold Raskin, 192, Chicago, outpointed Ben Pickett, 177, San Francisco, in a six.

In the fours Joey Krikis, 132½, Bronx, beat Billy Gibbons, 127½, Paterson, N. J., and John L. Thomas, 141, Brooklyn, stopped Leon Hooks, 138, Jacksonville, Fla., in 2:34 of the third round.

Mickey Doyle, 157, Cleveland, making his New York debut, knocked out Larney Moore, 158, Hempstead, L. I., in 2:23 of the ninth round of the main go at the Central Arena.

Doyle, who was leading all the way, dropped Moore in the sixth round, but the latter bounced up before a count was started. Mickey landed with a barrage of lefts and rights to the head to stow Moore away in the ninth round.

Oscar Williams, 140, New York, defeated Gunnar Larson, 138, Brooklyn, in six rounds. In another six, Ballesandro Carubia, 155, New York, knocked out Al Franklin, 147, New York, in 56 seconds of the third round.

In four-round bouts Bobby Morgan, 148, Manchester, Conn., whipped Art Shepard, 153, Brooklyn; Billy Hogan, 135, New York, beat Walter Simon, 131, Toronto; and Leroy Williams, 163, St. Petersburg, Fla., kayoed Johnny Eagle, 160, New York, in one heat.

Another of the prewar local club fighting favorites, Frankie Rubino, reached the end of the trail when he was belted out by Pedro Biesca of Mexico City in 1:40 of the second round of a slated eight-round bout at the Jamaica Arena.

Rubino, who had fought five world's champions in his career, boxed cautiously in the opening canto, but in the following frame was dumped by Biesca and took a nine count. Pedro rushed in as Frankie arose and was pummeling the defenseless Brooklynite at will when Referee Young Otto intervened. Rubino scaled 138¾, Biesca, 138½.

In a co-featured eight, Jumpin' Joe Keys, 149, Los Angeles Negro, proved too rugged for Wendy Wilson, 146, Trinidad, B.W.I., and easily trounced the latter.

Al Mazerole, 141, Limestone, Maine, nosed out Pete Manchio, 145, Greenwich Village, in six rounds, while in another closely contested six, Roddy McDonald, 155, Vancouver, B.C., shaded Gene Roberts, 160¾, Philadelphia. The fours saw Lou Lang, 122, New York, stop Jackie Sovello, 122¾, East New York, in the final stanza, and Tommy Duffy Smith, 143, Ridgewood, defeated a battler with the queer monicker of Dempsey McPhail, 145, Detroit.

Tony Marteliano, a game old warhorse, fought his heart out for ten tough rounds before a capacity crowd of 4,109 fans at the St. Nicholas Arena, only to see the bitterly contested slugfest go to the youthful Charles (Chuck) Taylor via a split decision.

A pre-war topnotcher, Marteliano overcame an early lead to outpunch Taylor in bristling exchanges that had the crowd cheering throughout every round. Taylor was the better boxer as he kept constantly on the move, stabbing Tony with many good left jabs, but the East Sider bored in continually, scoring with smashing body blows and punches to the head. Marteliano tore down the house in the ninth round as he pursued Taylor after staggering the Pennsylvania lad with sharp shots to the head.

Taylor outspeeded and outstabbed Tony in the last round to take the decision. Referee Benny Leonard tallied six rounds for Taylor, four for Tony. Judge Jack Gordon scored five rounds for Chuck, four for Marteliano, and one even, while Jim Hagan cast a dissenting ballot for Marteliano, six rounds to four.

THE RING correspondent saw Marteliano slightly ahead on aggressiveness and more effective punching. Taylor weighed 143½, four pounds less than his foe.

In sixes, Bob Boucher, 152½, Nebraska City, Neb., received none the best of it as he saw the duke go to the retreating Don Anderson, 157¼, Bronx. Victor Amato, 162, Brooklyn, walloped Johnny Harvey, 161¼, Port Chester.

Other sixes saw Sam Baroudi, 157¾, West Side, whip Henry Johnson, 151¼, Harlem, and Bobby Garcia, 143½, Baltimore, stop Len Harding, 147½, Montreal, in 2:52 of the fourth round. Two fours ended in kayoes as Hy Bronstein, 160, New York, halted Charley Perkins, 157½, Corona, L. I., in 1:18 of round three, and Gabriel Ferland, 136½, Montreal, had little trouble finishing Everett Chapman, 141½, Bronx, in 2:14 of the second heat.

$100 Tops

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sly, because Governor Mitchell of Florida objected to the contest and there being no anti-fight law in that state, Bill Brady, manager of Corbett, took the matter to court and the night before the bout, a decision in favor of the promoters was rendered. But the damage already had been done. The public was afraid the fight wouldn't take place and whatever tickets were sold, were disposed of through underground channels.

Another fight in which Corbett figured at which the price of admission was big, was the Jackson bout at the California Athletic Club on May 21, 1891. Corbett accepted the bout on condition that before any person other than a member could purchase an admission ticket, he would have to pay the club one year's admission dues of $66.50. Regular members had to pay only a small additional fee, but the first row was to be sold at $100 a seat.

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STILL another famous fight is represented on the cover, the Jim Flynn vs. Jack Johnson contest at Las Vegas on July 4, 1912. That was a scheduled 45 round mill at which a special subscription membership ticket cost $50. The fight was halted in the ninth round when police interfered and ordered the affair stopped.

When Jess Willard made his debut in New York, Promoter Tex Rickard got his start in the big city by staging Willard's fight with Frank Moran in the old Garden. Tex set the prices for that fight from $25 tops to $3.00 with the floor seats selling at $15. The bout went the limit with the Western Giant getting the newspaper verdict in a no-decision mill.

The first million dollar show is depicted by the Dempsey-Carpentier ticket for which the box seats sold for $50. Tex Rickard had planned to charge $55 and tickets were printed for that amount, but Mike Jacobs urged Rickard, the promoter, to keep the top price at half a century and he did. However, Rickard sold the first row for $100 and he did the same for the first two rows in the Chicago fight between Tunney and Dempsey, at which the public paid tops of $40 for ringside seats. In the Philadelphia Dempsey-Tunney contest the top was $27.50.

Here is a list of the famous heavyweight bouts in which the top price of admission was twenty or more dollars:

May 21, 1891—Peter Jackson vs. James J. Corbett—First row at $100. All other seats for public on payment of one year's club membership dues of $66.50.

Sept. 7, 1892—James J. Corbett vs. John L. Sullivan.—First row at $100. All other ringside seats at $25.00.

July 4, 1919 — Jess Willard vs. Jack Dempsey—$60.

July 4, 1912—Jack Johnson vs. Jim Flynn—$50.

June 27, 1929—Schmeling vs. Paulino—2 rows—$50.

July 2, 1921—Dempsey vs. Carpentier—$50.

July 4, 1910—Jeffries vs. Johnson—$50.

Sept. 22, 1927—Dempsey vs. Tunney—Chicago—$40.

July 23, 1928—Tunney vs. Heeney—$40.

June 18, 1936—Schmeling vs. Louis—1st fight—$40.

June 22, 1938—Schmeling vs. Louis—2nd fight—$40.

June 28, 1939—Louis vs. Galento—$30.

Sept. 29, 1941—Louis vs. Nova—$30.

Sept. 23, 1926—Tunney vs. Dempsey—Philadelphia—$27.50.

July 21, 1927—Sharkey vs. Dempsey—$27.50.

June 22, 1937 — Braddock vs. Louis — $27.50.

June 20, 1940—Louis vs. Godoy—$27.50.

June 8, 1933—Baer vs. Schmeling—$26.25

Feb. 27, 1930—Sharkey vs. Phil Scott—$25.

Feb. 27, 1929—Sharkey vs. Stribling—$25.

June 12, 1930—Sharkey vs. Schmeling—1st fight—$25.

July 3, 1931—Schmeling vs. Stribling—$25.

June 14, 1934—Baer vs. Carnera—$25.

July 12, 1923—Willard vs. Firpo—$25.

June 18, 1941—Louis vs. Conn—$25.

June 21, 1932—Sharkey vs. Schmeling—2nd fight—$23.

Aug. 26, 1937—Louis vs. Farr—$23.

June 13, 1935—Braddock vs. Baer—$20.

INTER-MOUNTAIN NEWS

By LEFTY McFADDEN

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—Jim Downing, an old-time boxer in this area, has revived boxing to such an extent in the Rocky Mountain area that mobs of fight fans are left stranded outside the doors at each event. On Monday night, April 1, Downing had the best all-around show that has been seen in the Salt Lake City zone for the past 14 years.

In the feature, Jackie Burke, Ogden, U., welterweight, gained a ten-round decision over Danny (Kid) Obregon, El Paso, Tex. Burke gained nation-wide attention a few years back as a contender for the welterweight world's title, but failed to make the grade as the boys in the "upper bracket" bore down on him.

A boy who may make fistic fame for himself is Dell Hardy, a light-heavyweight, recently released from the service. Downing uncovered the handsome pug over a month ago, and to date he has recorded three kayoes against three opponents. None of his three professional opponents have been able to stand the gaff more than two rounds with Hardy.

Downing promotes boxing in Salt Lake City on Monday nights and wrestling matches every Friday night. He has been putting several top-notch wrestlers on the program here, including Chief Little Wolf, Chief Thunderbird, Leif Erickson, Fritz Schnabel, Lee Grable, Mickey Gavis, Jack Page, Butch Madray and many others who tour the winter circuit. Downing stages Wednesday night shows at Ogden, U., and uses the same talent for Saturday night matches at Pocatello, Ida.

The Salt Lake Mahotma was named president of the Utah Boxing Sports Centennial, which will highlight a giant program here in 1947, and he has promised that he will make every effort to bring a championship bout to Salt Lake City next year.

Plans are under way to build a new coliseum at the Fairgrounds, with a seating capacity of 7000. This would solve Downing's problem.

Pete Van, veteran fight trainer from Newark, N. J., is handling the managerial reins of a gymnasium for fighters which Downing built recently. Daily workouts are held by all amateur and pro scrappers in this area under the watchful eye of Van.

AKRON, OHIO, BOXING

By BOB HEATH

AKRON boxing is on the upgrade, and barring a sudden reversal of form on the part of Rubber City patrons, the coming shows should do well.

On April 3, a capacity house with a gross of $5000, despite a bus strike, showed that Akron fans want boxing. The show had Charlie Roth of Akron and Johnny White of New York, heavyweights, in the ten-round headliner. Roth, a real comer, stopped White in six heats.

The semi-final over the eight-round route matched Milton Glass and Chet Martin, Akron lightweights. Martin put Glass to sleep in the second round. Incidentally, Martin is terrific. He has had seven pro fights and they've all been knockout victories. Keep your eyes on him.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND

By MARK FANNON

BOSTON GARDEN—Al "Red" Priest, 152, Cambridge, made a very definite step towards the middleweight championship, when he knocked out Neva Esparza, 146½, of Mexico City, in the eighth frame of a bruising battle. "Red" started slow, lost three out of the first four rounds, then midway in the scrap, both lads suffered cuts over the eyes. Priest dropped Neva for a count of nine in the seventh, then put on the finisher in the eighth.

Johnny Shkor, 233½, Boston, making his first start since his Navy discharge, was awarded a T.K.O. over Ralph Ivins, 189, Brunswick, N. J., in the fifth, when both collided and Ivins received a cut eye.

Joe Blackwood, 158, Paterson, N. J., Negro lad, stopped Frankie Terry, 159½, Brooklyn, in the eighth of a scheduled ten.

Kid Chicken, 161½, Pittsburgh, whipped Reedy Evans, 164½, Chicago, in another ten-rounder.

Keene, N. H.—Tommy Spencer, 147, Canada, halted Billy Woods, 149, Lancaster, Pa. (5).

Lewiston, Me.—Young Kid Drew, 153, Lewiston, stopped wild slugging Johnny Mara, 156, Boston (7).

Salem—Blond Tiger (Paul Frechette), 126, Lowell, was too busy for Eddie DeAngelis, 127, Revere, copping the nod in an eight-rounder. Eddie Soares, 157, Providence, and Tommy Belmont, 150, Toronto, battled to a draw in the twin eight.

Manchester, N. H.—Billy Zaduk, 139, Toronto southpaw, did what Armstrong, Vazzo and other supposedly hard hitters failed to do when he kept tough Billy Marcus, 134, Hartford, on the canvas for the full ten.

Going right to work and keeping on top of his man, Zaduk drove Marcus to the ropes and then paralyzed him with a terrific left to the pit of the stomach in the opening frame.

Steve Bellus, 139, Toronto, outfought Tommy Nadeau, 145, Suncook, N. H., in the six-round semi-final.

Frankie Young, 152, Boston Negro, came back from knockdowns in the first and second rounds to kayo Pat Moynahan, 155, Derry, N. H., in the third.

Carter Holmes, Negro, 135, Boston, won the four-round decision over Fred Gilbo, 135, Lowell.

Bobby Conway, 155, Manchester, chalked up his 11th straight victory in stopping Sal Larue, 155, Boston, in the third round.

Portland, Me.—Billy Lancaster, 157½, veteran Negro battler of this city, outpointed Al Barbosa, 157, Providence, R. I., in an eight-rounder.

Tony Roberts, 127, Winnipeg, Man., won the nod over Lloyd Hudson, 132, Bath, in eight. Silver McGee, 117, Biddeford, decisioned Dave Shade, 120, Lewiston (4). Gabby Paul, 133½, Saco, kayoed Kid Joe, 131, Biddeford (3). Young Nealy, 146, South Windham, beat George Voley, 147, Portland (4). Len Bickford, 144, Portland, stopped Bill Bernier, 144, Lewiston (2).

Fall River—Leo Mucucci, 130, aggressive, two-fisted puncher from Portland, Me., beat Bobby English, 131, home town boy, in the ten-round main event here before a full house. The match-maker was Eddie Brink, former globe-trotting welterweight of note.

English made it interesting with an occasional long, stiff jolt to his foe, but Mucucci was continually punching.

Steve Ketchel, 204, Fall River, a beautifully built lad, won over Jimmy Liscomb, 208, Toronto, in the sixth when Liscomb's hands went bad—that is, both of them. He was unhurt but was unable to punch. The Toronto clown kidded throughout the fight and after the first round, told spectators that Ketchel was no relation to Stanley.

Boston Arena—Johnny Pretzie, 189, Boston, a K.O. king in the amateurs, lost more prestige in pro circles when he was given a boxing lesson by Hal Glassman, 185½, Philadelphia, a 10 to 1 underdog.

Arising from an eight-count in the first, Glassman went on from there, stabbing and making Pretzie miss. Tired and cut across the nose, Johnny looked to his second, Jack Sharkey, for advice.

Tom Spencer, 151, New Waterford, Nova Scotia, kayoed Eddie Bangs, 148, Cambridge, in the fifth. Jimmy Sauer, 155, Cambridge, won over Billy Rynne, 159, South End (6). Joe Hebert, 124, Lowell, outboxed Charlie Kelley, 126, Toronto (4). Gus Edwards, 139, West End, stopped Tony Reno, 135, North End (4).

Worcester—Joe Barnum, 144, Los Angeles, pushed back Frankie Conti, Haverhill, a notch by outpointing him over the ten-round route. Joey Ferrier, 141, Toronto, stopped Eddie Moran, 135, Boston (2). Young Terryo, 135, Toronto, kayoed Lennie Lavoie, 143, Shrewsbury (2).

Brunswick, Me.—Al Michaud, 146, Lisbon, kayoed Bert Chisholm, 151, Dover, N. H. (2).

Boston Garden—Trying its first venture in the Garden, the Callahan A. C., put on a show of four 10-rounders which drew 10,817 fans and a gate of $23,834, resulting in a roaring good evening. From the first bout—Costa-Greb—to the final—Sullivan-Eskew—the show gained momentum, leaving the crowd mumbling to itself after the final bell.

Jack "Spider" Armstrong, 128¼, Toronto, looked tremendous in stopping granite chinned Jackie Harris, 128¼, of Malden. Never has Armstrong shown to better advantage in this section.

Harris, the little Malden Fighting Fool, who will take three to give one, kept after the "Spider" all the way, but was on the receiving end of Armstrong's fast, sharpshooting blows. He never missed and his blows hit their mark with stunning force. While Harris forced the issue, Armstrong with nimble feet and clever boxing, took command of the situation all the way along.

As early as the second frame, sharp lefts to the face had cut Harris about the eyes. Yet, in this frame, he buckled old Armstrong's knees with a smashing right to the jaw—the only serious blow Jackie was able to get in. The Toronto star was in and out, stabbed countless jabs to the face, countered beautifully with either hand, and tied up the willing Malden gamester inside.

The referee called a halt in the fourth, when Harris, his face covered with blood, the result of two cuts over the eyes, stood outclassed and injured.

Tommy Sullivan, 171, South Boston walloper, knocked out John Henry Eskew, 169½, terrific slugger of Brockton, in the fourth round of a sensational match.

Sullivan and Eskew put everything behind their blows from the opening gong and the crowd held its breath to see which would land first. It was Eskew, the Negro powerhouse, who dropped Tommy with a roundhouse left. Sullivan got up and dropped Eskew with a terrific right to the jaw.

Sullivan kept on top of Eskew during the second, and battered him to the canvas three times, leaving him staggering at the bell. Again in the third, Eskew managed to last until the bell, while the crowd arose as one and yelled themselves hoarse.

Though tired from the terrific slugging, Sullivan, the underdog, chased Eskew and dropped him twice before the referee, seeing Eskew helpless on the canvas, stopped the fight in the fourth.

Timothy "Buddy" Hayes, 127½, South End, N. E. featherweight king, looked good and strong as he took Midget Mayo, 128½, Philadelphia, into camp over the ten-round route.

Mayo, loose limbed Negro lad, took the first two rounds by employing an aggressive, two-fisted style, which seemed to puzzle Hayes. However, Hayes, fighting smartly and hitting hard, slowed up the Negro boy and began to place telling blows on the elusive one. Hayes wound up strong and looked good in winning.

Tony Costa, 132, Woonsocket, R. I., halted the winning spree—28—of Tommy Greb, 130½, West End southpaw, in 10 rounds.

Costa, a lad who has beaten the world's best, is not well-known in Boston. But in the manner in which he took Greb, we know now why he has been ranked high. Costa had a little trouble solving Greb's southpaw style but improved as the bout wore on. A nice left jab, quick follow up, and rights to the jaw and body, kept Tony ahead in taking the decision.

Lewiston, Me.—Ed Letourneau, 147, hard-punching Sanford slugger, knocked out Al Michaud, 145½, Lisbon Falls, in one heat. Letourneau had stopped Michaud once before this year.

Boston Arena—Battling away in 29 bouts, 37 contestants, almost all of them ex-servicemen, fought for the New England amateur titles, before 3350 fans. These scrappers will represent this section in the Nationals, which will take place at the Garden next month.

Seven champs were from Massachusetts; one from Rhode Island. Ernest Martineau, was awarded the George V. Brown Memorial trophy, for being the outstanding performer of the evening, by Captain Paul Brown, son of George V., and manager of the Arena. Martineau won over Ken Salvis and Jimmy Newell, Salem boy, whom we saw fight in Rainbow Corner, London, when the kid was a member of a tank corps.

New England champions were:—
112—Francis Collins, Roxbury.
118—George Cote, Lawrence.
126—Ernest Martineau, Avon.
135—Tony Araujo, Providence, R. I.
147—William Daley, Somerville.
160—Bill Geary, Dorchester.
175—Eugene McIntyre, Boston.
Heavyweight—Kenneth Jason, Cohasset.

Burlington, Vt.—"Gabby" Ferland, 140, Montreal, came down to outpoint Buster Beaupre, 142, Vermont's welter king, of this city, over the 10-round route.

Manchester, N. H.—Jackie Perkins, 132, Worcester, beat Steve Bellus, 135, Toronto, in the eight-round main event.

Salem—Joe Celetti, 138, Providence ironman, gave Tommy Moore, 134, South Boston, a lacing in 10 rounds. Moore, just returned from fighting a series of bouts in the South, was dropped once and took quite a pounding most of the way.

Eddie Grace, 202, Boston Negro, stopped George Cassista, 190, Danvers, in three. "Happy" Harry Trott, 128, Salem, made it four straight in beating Tommy Murphy, 133, Boston, in a four-rounder. Al Lewis, 131, Boston, outboxed Joe Palan, Boston (4). Carter Holmes, 136, Boston, and Tom Sheldon, 135, Saugus, fought a four-round draw.

Bangor, Me.—Lloyd "Scotty" Hudson, 134, Bath, defeated Johnny Campbell, 132, Brewer (8). Frankie Anderson, 165, Belfast, stopped Tommy Burns, 172, Hampton (2).

Brockton—Johnny Priest, 144, Cambridge, fought his first main bout and beat Billy Napper, 148, Boston, in 10. Tony Petrie, 161, Boston, and Billy Wynne, 160, Boston, drew in 8.

Fall River—Joey Bagnato, 139, Toronto, a sub for Maxie Starr, of Baltimore, was the second man to beat Lucio "Lucky" Lima, 143½, former Fall River boy, now of Long Island, N. Y., over the 10-round route at this club. Lima lost to Starr three weeks previously in a slashing battle, said to have been the best in Fall River in five years.

Jackie Gilligan, 169, Toronto, outfought Herb Colby, 174, Beverly (6).

Newport, Vt.—Jean Richard, 118, Montreal, kayoed Johnny Robinson, 126, Lynn, Mass. (3). Paul Conley, 117, Lynn, outpointed Ben Charette, 112, Lenoxville, Que. (6).

Portland, Me.—Coley Welch, 164½, N. E. middleweight king, knocked out Freddie Wilson, 158½, New York, after giving him a body beating all the way (8). Eden Germaine, 135, Portland, won over Henry (Kid) Briere, 133, Putnam, Conn. (8).

Rutland, Vt.—Bill Carroll Southerner, 129, New York, stopped Ray Moore, 131, Providence, R. I. (6).

Worcester—Tommy Belmont, 146, Toronto, and Jim Mooney, 148, hard-socking Shrewsbury boy, fought to a 10-round draw. Ed Grace, 204, Negro of Boston, stopped Tommy Doyle, 193, Fall River (3). Tony Shumway, 164, Webster, outpointed Ace Wallace, 158, Negro of Boston (6). Lew Burke, 144, Shrewsbury, won over Carter Holmes, 137, Negro, Boston (6).

Augusta, Me.—Young Kid Drew, 152, Lewiston, made it two in a row over Johnny Mara, 156, Boston, winning the decision in 8.

Boston Garden—Johnny Cesario, 140½, North End, won a moral victory over the lad who had stopped his winning streak of 41, when he was given a draw after 10 rounds of gruelling fighting with Gus "Pell" Mell, 139½, hard-hitting kid of Montreal. The fans were very dissatisfied with the decision for Cesario outboxed Mell for the first seven rounds. Mell made a spurt in the final cantos but not enough it seemed to earn a draw.

Larry Pacino, 164, Roxbury, kayoed Al Evans, 162, Newport, R. I., in the second. George (Red) Doty, 156, Hartford, Conn., and Buddy Brown, 154, Boston, fought to a draw (8). Steve Curley, 133½, Toronto, knocked out Al Smith, 131½, Boston, in 5. Hubert Gagnier, 128½, Montreal, stopped Joe Hebert, 124, Lowell (1).

Boston Garden—Willie Joyce, 138½, Gary, Ind., Black Streak, was too good for Bobby Zollo, 145½, Providence welterweight. Joyce won all but the first frame, and had Zollo weary at the end of 10 rounds.

Jimmy Rizzo, 137, Hamilton, Ont., was awarded the fight over Floriant Desmarais in the seventh, when Desmarais, 134½, Manchester, N. H., had to stop because of a cut on the head. Desmarais was ahead at the time.

Jackie Webber, 132¾, Pawtucket, R. I., beat Jimmy Pitts, 137½, Philadelphia (6). Charley Celeste, 129, East Boston, won a split decision over Tony Nardo, 126, Attleboro (4). Walter Gomes, 141, New Bedford, stopped Gill O'Malley, 138, Toronto (2). Gene Farland, 159, Providence, halted Jimmy McKeagney, 164, Quincy. (McKeagney injured hand.)

Lewiston, Me.—Bob Pooler, 138½, Portland, beat Flash Dutil, 137½, Lewiston, in eight rounds.

Keene, N. H.—Billy Lancaster, 160, Portland, Me., knocked out Maurice Cloutier, 159, Manchester, N. H. (4).

Salem—Blonde Tiger, 126, Lowell veteran, again beat Eddie DeAngelis, 127, Revere, in 10 rounds. Jimmy Daley, 134, Winnipeg, Man., stopped George Bland, 155, Vancouver, B. C. (2). Al Lewis, 132, Boston, won over Tom Sheldon, 131, Saugus (4). Ben Thomas, 165, Boston, kayoed Harry Hambleton, 160, Revere (2). Tommy Murphy, 130, Boston, beat Ralph Trudeau, 127, Lowell (4).

Manchester, N. H.—Santiago Riviera, 135, tough little Mexican of Mexico City, scored an upset when he stopped Tommy Welles, 133, Manchester (7). Kid Connoyer, 134, Derry, and Charlie Kelley, 132, Boston, battled to a six-round draw.

Bangor, Me.—Frankie Anderson, 165, Belfast, stopped Bob Rynne, 162, Lowell, Mass. (3).

Portland, Me.—Eddie Letourneau, Maine welterweight champion, made short work of Eddie Bangs, Cambridge, Mass., knocking him out in the first frame.

Fall River—Buddy Farrell, 156, Newark, N. J., won the eight-round decision over Beau Dollar, 163, oldtimer of New York.

Steve Ketchel, 206, Fall River, won by a knockout in the fifth when Jack Bonner, 193, New Haven, received a bad cut on the nose.

Al Pinel, 158, New Bedford, was awarded the decision over Jimmy Manning, 170, Buffalo, in a four-rounder, the best fight of the night.

Brunswick, Me.—Jerry Boisvert, 161, Montreal, stopped Billy Lancaster's comeback by winning the eight-round nod. Billy also weighed 161.

Leo Prince, 140, Lewiston, won by a T.K.O. over Eddie Hudson, 138, Bath, in the fourth.

Worcester—Frank Conti, 141, Haverhill, whipped Irish Red Schultz, 149, Philadelphia, 10 rounds. Eddie Grace, 198½, Negro, Boston, stopped veteran Abel Gonsalves, 186, Providence, in the third.

Boston Garden—Jake LaMotta, perpetual puncher and leading middleweight contender of New York, fried "Kid" Chicken (Mark Lochman), Negro, over the 10-round route. LaMotta won as he pleased and had the Chicken retreating most of the time.

Jake's brother, Joey, 156½, did even better by stopping Johnny Johnson, 159, New York, in the fourth. Larry Pacino, 163, Roxbury, slowly getting back in pre-war condition, put away Joey Greco, 159, New York, with a right under the heart, in the second.

Johnny Woods, 141½, Roxbury, scored his best win to date by scoring a K.O. over Billy Zaduk, 143, Toronto, in the fourth. Young Brown Bomber, 156, Boston, won over Buddy Brown, 152, Boston (6).

Lewiston, Me.—Young Ted Drew, 153, Lewiston, knocked out Jim Mahoney, 147, Worcester (1).

Mechanics Building, Boston—Buddy Hayes, N. E. featherweight champ, at 127, whipped game little Benny May, 122, Montreal, in the final 10-rounder of the evening.

Buddy dropped May in the first and second cantos for long counts—hurt the lad—but he gamely carried on. After this game display the crowd was with him and several times rocked the bigger Hayes with one-two punches that left the Boston kid puzzled.

George Knox, Newark, N. J., a sub for Billy Pinti, caused a surprise by losing a close decision to highly touted Tony Costa, 132, Woonsocket, R. I., in 10 rounds. Knox, busy puncher, proved troublesome, poured them in during the first five rounds, then Costa came forward, dropped Knox in the ninth, to forge ahead.

Al Costa, 152, Woonsocket, Tony's brother, looked good in stopping Freddie Graham, 155, New York. Costa was ahead all the way and the referee thought it best to stop the affair in the eighth.

Richie Polite, 140, of New Orleans, a kid who has been fighting since he was 10 years old, looked sharp in stopping Paulie Jackson, of Reading, Pa., in the fourth. Polite packed too much power in his mitts and appeared too strong for the willing Jackson, who fought a retreating battle.

Burlington, Vt.—With each fighter saved by the bell during the fracas, Kid Williams, 128, Lowell, Mass., and Tony Genearo, 129, Montreal, fought to an eight-round draw.

Buster Beaupre, 141, Burlington, kayoed George Gervin, 147, Montreal, in one round.

Salem—Frank Feener, 143, Randolph, beat Ironman Joe Celetti, 140, Providence, R. I., 10 rounds. Al Sforza, 125, Boston, making a comeback, put away Frankie Martin, 120, Boston (1). Harry Trott, 130, Salem, won over John Pavia, 133, Boston (6). Al Tumas, 202, Boston, outpointed Herb Colby, 178, Beverly (6).

Newport, Vt.—Bobby Wooster, 133, Portland, Me., knocked out Ray Daount, 131, Montreal (5). Billy James, 114, Sherbrooke, Que., and Paul Cloutier, 112, Shawinigan, Que., drew (6).

Fall River—Lucio "Lucky" Lima, 140, New York, stopped Frank Conti, 138, Haverhill (4). Jerome Fraser, 159, St. Albans, V. Y., knocked out Clinton Perry (Brown Bomber), 163, Boston (2).

Portland, Me.—Mad Anthony Jones, 160, Richmond, Va., now campaigning in N. E., stopped Berlie Lanier, 160½, Philadelphia (9). Frankie Anderson, 163, Portland, knocked out Eddie Davis, 164, Toronto (2).

Boston Garden—Sal Bartolo's experience proved too much for Dennis "Pat" Brady, 128½, of the Bronx, in their 10-round mill. Bartolo, however, came very close to being put away by the youthful puncher, for he dropped Bartolo for a one count in the third, then tried to finish him. The count was only one but Bartolo, 129½, was stunned and his experience carried him through.

Larry Pacino, 161, Roxbury, added another K.O. to his record when he chilled Tony Petro, 155½, Boston, in the sixth. Ernie Griffin, 176, Hartford, stopped Jimmy Liscomb, 210, Toronto, in the fifth. Frankie Young, 147½, Roxbury, won the six-round decision over Ernie Patton, 149, Philadelphia. Gus Edwards, 140, North End, stopped Tony Trotta, 137, Providence (1).

Worcester—Jimmie Mooney, 147, Shrewsbury, a big favorite here, won the bout in the fifth when the referee saw Pat Doyle, 149, Fall River, wobbly and cut over the eye. Up to this point it had been a nip and tuck battle with both having been in danger several times. Although Doyle returned to his corner rubber legged at the end of the fourth, he came out with a two-fisted barrage that rocked Mooney and battered his nose.

Jimmy Rizzo, 138, Hamilton, Ontario, knocked out Oscar St. Pierre, 138, Fall River, in the fifth. Blond southpaw St. Pierre hurt Rizzo with a low blow in the first—after a rest of five minutes, Rizzo resumed to eventually put away his rival.

Rudy Florio, 149½, Toronto, won a close six-round decision over Young Corbett (IV), Quincy.

Brockton—Jim Pettie, 158, Woburn, knocked out Jim Davis, 152, Toronto, in the opening frame. Billy Napper, 150, Boston, beat Steve Bellus, 144, Toronto (6).

Augusta, Me.—Leo Mayo, Augusta welterweight, knocked out Al Michaud, Lisbon, in the first of a brief but vicious slugging match.

Boxers seeking action in New England rings, write me at 6 Beacon St., Room 628, Boston 8, Mass.

AT THE CENTURY A.C. OF BALTIMORE

By DAVE KREUTER

TWO Philadelphia boys shared the spotlight at the Coliseum in the Century Club's main go on March 11. Santa Bucca and Dorsey Lay didn't show any of that spirit of brotherly love, however, as they fought tooth and nail from bell to bell with the former finally emerging the victor.

Bucca weighed in at 138½ while Lay hit the scales at 140½.

In sixes: Biff Jones won a unanimous decision over Leslie Harris and Bobby Lee did the same against Billy Richardson.

In fours: Tony Argo and Melvin Wade won from Bobby Summers and Edgar Poe respectively, while Edsel Thomas and Tony Longo fought to a draw in the curtain raiser.

Charley Milan, local preliminary fighter, has won eleven straight contests and is itching for a chance in a main go.

Buddy Walker had an easy time in his scheduled ten-round bout with Earl Lowman, New York heavyweight. The Columbus, Ohio, Negro was billed to meet Archie Moore, top-ranking light-heavy, but Moore took a run-out and the Century Club had to secure Lowman as a last-minute substitute. The latter was flattened in 40 seconds of the second round.

Moore and his manager, James J. Johnston, were suspended by the Maryland Boxing Commission.

In the best fight of the evening, Smuggy Hursey of Washington, D. C., pounded out a unanimous decision over Al Cortez of this city in six heats.

In another six-round affair, Frank Lacey continued in his winning ways by winning from Bob Hart by a unanimous decision.

Promoters George Goldberg and Lew Fisher made a splendid gesture by offering to refund all money to anyone who had come in the anticipation of seeing Archie Moore.

Charley Milan, local lightweight, finally got his chance in a main bout, and though he lost a split decision to Billy Graham of New York, proved that he is ready for major competition.

Except for the second round, Milan looked very good as he jabbed and feinted his opponent so that the harder punching Graham could not set himself to land a payoff wallop. The second round was almost the local boy's undoing as the New Yorker landed a left hook that sent Milan staggering around the ring. He managed to survive the round, however, and was the stronger at the finish.

Both boys tipped the scales at 139¼.

In sixes, George Williams came off the floor to win a majority decision over Frankie Gillen, while Jackie Wilkerson stopped Billy Pappas.

In fours, Bobby Van Kirk and Bobby Summers won unanimous decisions over Frankie Les and Terry Moore, respectively, while Pedro Bass halted Emmet Harris.

Joe Maxim, 186, Cleveland, O., had little trouble in pounding out a unanimous decision over Buddy Walker, 199, Columbus, O., in the Century Club's main go. The fight was a very dull one with Maxim's superior boxing ability the only bright spot.

The Clevelander, who is managed by Jack Kearns, former pilot of Jack Dempsey, was the aggressor during the entire ten-round affair, but didn't have enough power to send his heavier opponent to the canvas.

The preliminaries were outstanding: Gene Jones, a very promising heavyweight from Camden, N. J., won a unanimous decision over Charley Crump of this city in a six-round affair.

In another six-round go, Georgie Williams, 153, and Al Cortez, 156, two local boys, engaged in a wild and wooly session with the former winning a unanimous decision.

In fours, Paul Watson, 133, won a decision from Willie Wheatly, 132, and Melvin Lucky, 160, stopped Al Mance, 159.

Johnny Deacon Brown, local favorite, continued his winning ways by defeating Coolidge Miller of Brooklyn, N. Y., in a ten-round bout in the Century Club's main attraction on April 8. It was a unanimous decision.

The fight was an unusually dull one with the New Yorker consistently tying up the Deacon and preventing him from opening up. Brown did get started in the ninth and tenth heats and had his opponent in serious trouble, knocking him down for a nine-count in each of the heats. Miller, who had defeated Brown several months ago in Madison Square Garden, weighed in at 167¾, while the local boy tipped the scales at 167.

In sixes, Lee Stoll, 190¾, and Doc Gladden, 181, fought to a draw. Howard Bennett, 166½, who has not come anywhere near his old-time form, won a majority vote over Jackie Williams, 162. In fours, Tony Longo, 126¾, made short work of Johnny Caster, 127, knocking him out in 30 seconds of the second round. In the other four, Mike Yukas and John Littlejohn fought to a draw.

Promoters Lou Fisher and George Goldberg offered an added attraction to the fans. A purse of $50 was offered to anyone who could punch his way out of an eight-foot paper bag. This feat, which has stumped such marvel men as Ernie Dusek, Barney Ross and Bobby Feller on a popular radio program, proved simple for a 120-pound spectator.

CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

TIPPY LARKIN won easily over Bobby McIntire at Akron. Johnny Chatman of Buffalo, N. Y., won over Arbie Bowie of Pittsburgh in eight heats. Dave Marsh, Akron's lightweight, floored Steve Tax of Detroit three times in the second round for nine-counts and Tax's manager tossed in the towel. Chet Martin of Akron kayoed Joe Miller in the fourth heat. Billy Heeps of Pittsburgh got the nod over Fred Bailey of the same city in five rounds. The show drew 2368 fans and the gate was $5964 gross.

Billy Long has been added to the 20th Century stable. He is a featherweight just out of the Navy. Also Bobby Thompson, a lightweight recently out of the Navy.

Harry Hart, the Delaware lightweight, who won the lightweight championship of the Hawaiian Islands, beat Stan Cieslak of Detroit, stopped Karl Simmons of Cincinnati, O., and drew with Young Burch of Cincinnati in his last three fights.

Bruff Cleary, the jovial Fort Wayne promoter, staged his first show of the season with Harry Hart, Delaware lightweight, and Johnny Goode, Cincinnati lightweight, in the feature. It was a slam-bang fight which ended in a draw in eight rounds. In the semi-final of six rounds, Tiger Wills, Columbus lightweight, stopped Al Williams of Cincinnati in five heats. Freddy Tibbs, Columbus lightweight, made his first six-round start by stopping Jackie O'Cohen, Cincinnati lightweight. They met three times. Tibbs lost the first one, the second went to a torrid draw, and Tibbs scored in the rubber via the K.O. route.

When Solly Zalter, Jewish middleweight of Canada, could not meet Tippy Ramsey of Cincinnati, O., on the 13th due to sickness. Promoter Shallat got busy and made a good substitute match between Bobby McIntire, Detroit welter, and Murray (Sugar) Cain, New York lightweight. McIntire carried too many guns for the game little Harlem scrapper. In the semi-final between Tiger Wills and Johnny Goode, the Tiger kayoed his man. Billy Rice, a good-looking welterweight from Columbus, put the skids under Young Schumaker of Cincinnati, O., in the first heat. Rice was recently discharged from the Army and this was his first fight in three years. Freddy Tibbs, Columbus lightweight, drew with Jackie O'Cohen, Cincinnati, in four rounds. Proctor Heinold, Oklahoma featherweight under Joe Basco's management in Akron, gained an eight-round decision over Willie Anderson of Detroit. Heinold made quite a hit with the Auto City fans.

The Mike Mantia-Lee Hammond combination staged their second boxing show of the season, featuring Mike Raffa, Pittsburgh featherweight, and Paulie Jackson of New York. It was a slam-bang scrap all the way, with Raffa getting the nod.

In the semi-final, Harry Hart, a pleasing fighter, beat Witman Burros of Cincinnati in six. Jimmy Wilson was given a T.K.O. over Billy Rice in four

rounds. Eddie Miller, Dayton middleweight, got the nod over Chubby Wright of New York in four. Eddie Brant, Dayton featherweight, won in a six over Oliver Cobins of Cincinnati. Bud Kelley, Cincinnati welterweight, made Davey White call it quits in the third round.

Dick Deutch and Dick Pogue, promoters, with Jack Sheppard as the matchmaker, staged a ten-round fight between Billy Roberts of South Carolina and Willie Russell of Columbus, and Russell scored a two-round kayo.

Johnny Huston, who has just been discharged from the Navy, is now under the guiding eye of the writer. Huston weighs 185.

Ace Lytell, formerly of Cleveland, is now doing his fighting out of Huntington, W. Va.

In Bob Heath's fight at Akron, Pat Comiskey stopped Bob Garner of Louisville in the eighth round. Johnny Chatman, Buffalo, took the measure of Arbie Bowie of Pittsburgh. Buddy Smallwood, back from the big fight, outpointed Ossie Peguese of Youngstown in a fast four. Billy Cooper from Bedford fought a fast five-rounder with Chuck Russ. Chet Martin scored his sixth straight K.O. when he stopped Babe DeMatto in the third heat. The fight drew 2300 fans and the gate was $5638, a record gate for Akron.

Ezzard Charles was given the nod over Tee Hubert of New York in ten rounds in a bout topping the Becker brothers' boxing show at Cincinnati. The fight was about even up to the sixth round. The semi-final between Floyd Gibson of Cincinnati and Ted Woodward of Columbus, light-heavyweights, was a hotly contested mill for eight rounds, with Gibson getting the duke, which he earned by a close edge. It was a fast fight all the way. Dick Cook of Cincinnati was given an unjust decision over Charley Baxter.

Mike Mantia and Lee Hammond, leading Dayton promoters, staged a good card. The fighters who took part were preliminary fighters who have pleased the fans in this part of the country the past year. Eddy Brant, Dayton lightweight, and Charlie Baxter, a hard-hitting little lightweight from Cincinnati, were featured. Brant was given the duke.

Tiger Wills, Columbus glove tossing lightweight, and Bud Kelley went after each other fast and furious, and Kelly was given the nod. Billy Shaw, Dayton middleweight, and Bill Myers, a tough hombre from Cincinnati, went the limit of six heats. Shaw was judged the winner.

Eddie Miller, a good-looking middleweight of Dayton, won the duke over a willing mixer, Jimmy Wilson of Cincinnati. The fans were sent home well pleased, but the promoters took it on the chin as they tried something new, this being in the nature of a dollar top.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By EDDIE BECK

BOBBY ZOLLO made the best of a bad match when he lost to Willie Joyce of Gary, Ind., in a ten-rounder at Boston Garden. Joyce gave one of the best boxing exhibitions ever witnessed in these parts. Zollo displayed courage and stamina but could not cope with the high-ranking Joyce.

Eddie "Nonny" Soares clicked with Salem, Mass., fight fans when he scored a spectacular knockout over Eddie Sparks. A week later the new Providence sensation fought a torrid draw with Tommy Belmont.

Lee Britto, smart punching East Providence junior welter, looked very impressive in winning his first three pro starts. Muggsy Mandell is teaching the Townie schoolboy all the tricks.

Johnny DiCeantis, veteran Providence middleweight, is staging a successful comeback . . . . Billy "Red" Egan, Rhode Island amateur featherweight champion, will shortly turn pro . . . . Wayland Douglas, New York welter, is staying at the Ayoho Camp in Washington, R. I. . . . . Larry McManus is handling Douglas in his local appearances . . . . Ernie Guisti, popular lightweight star, trains daily with the likeable New Yorker.

Jimmy "Gunboat" Davis, Pawtucket light-heavyweight, has returned from the service with the Philippine Island light-heavyweight title. Davis was signed to meet Gus Lesnevich at the Island, but because of the sudden ending of the war the match was cancelled.

Here are the results of the month:

Rhode Island Auditorium—Joey Angelo, 134¼, Philadelphia, won by a decision over Larry Bolvin, 130, Providence, in a scheduled ten. Pat Foley, 143, New Haven, won a split decision over Jimmy McLarnin, 139¾, New Bedford, in a six-rounder. Wayland Douglas, 144, New York, stopped Eddie Burns, 144, New York, in the second round. Joey Polowitzer, 142, Manchester, won a decision over Jimmy Stewart, 145½, New Haven, in an opening six. Morris Kapp, 133¾, Providence, stopped Tony Florentino, 129, New Haven, in the first round of a scheduled six-rounder.

At the Arcadia Club—Willard Buckless, 155½, Saugus, Mass., won a decision over Bob Flannagan, 157, Boston, in a scheduled eight-rounder. Beau Dollar, 166, Boston, stopped Jack Billings, 162, Toronto, in another eight-rounder. Jackie Weber, 140½, Pawtucket, T.K.O.'ed Tommy Sheldon, 137½, Saugus, Mass., in the fifth round of a scheduled six. Young Terryo, 136, Toronto, T.K.O.'ed Lou Tavares, 140¾, West Warwick, in the fourth round of the bout. Lee Britto, 143½, East Providence, won a decision over Frankie Young, 147, Boston, in a four-round curtain-raiser.

Elks Auditorium Bouts—Ernie Guisti, West Warwick welterweight, won a decision over Bob Cummings, New York, in a scheduled ten-rounder. Wayland Douglas, 146, New York, knocked out Beverly Carter, 151¼, Toronto, in the third round of a scheduled eight-round semi-final. Johnny Deciantes, 166½, Providence, knocked out Tony Petro, 152, Boston, in the second round of a feature six-round preliminary. Sal LaRue, 156, Boston, stopped George Chase, 150½, Providence, in the third round of a scheduled four-rounder. Joe Morrissette, 124, Fall River, won a decision over Danny Martini, 127, Providence, in an opening four.

Rhode Island Auditorium—Charley "Cabey" Lewis, 131¼, New York, decisioned Patsy Brandino, 135¼, Hamilton, Ont., in the ten-round main bout. In an eight-round semi-final, Frankie Foley, 141¼, New Haven, won a decision over Jimmy McLarnin, 140, New Bedford. Morris Kapp, 134¼, Providence, knocked out Tony Ferry, 130, Fall River, in the first round of the featured preliminary six. Al Pinel, 160, New Bedford, knocked out Bill Conklin, 160¾, New Haven, in the fifth round of a scheduled six-rounder. Tony Florentino, 128¾, New Haven, stopped Eddie Lee, 129, Fall River, in the second round of a scheduled four-rounder.

North Street Arena, Salem, Mass.—Joe Celetti, 138, Providence, won a split decision over Tommy Moore, 134, Boston.

At the Arcadia—Al Costa, 153½, Woonsocket, won a unanimous decision over Freddie Camuso, 154½, Fall River, in a ten-round main bout. Martin Taber, 126, East Providence, knocked out Tony Roberts, 126, Toronto, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight-round semi-final. Lee Britto, East Providence, knocked out Lenny Lavoie, Toronto, in the sixth round of the feature preliminary. Al Pinel, 150, New Bedford, took the six-round opener by decision over Jimmy Pettie, 154, Boston.

Jimmy Nelson, Cleveland middleweight, is now residing in Providence . . . . Nelson will shortly be featured on an Arena A. C. card . . . . Promoter Dave Cashman has wounded G.I.'s as his guests at his weekly shows at the Auditorium . . . . Frank Genovese, former Canadian title holder, has a large stable of Canadian fighters boxing in New England clubs . . . . His welter star, Tommy Belmont, looked good in his three starts in the States.

Joey Bagnato, hard-hitting lightweight, scored an upset by beating Luc Lima . . . . Eddie Shapiro, Worcester manager, who piloted Lou Brouillard, former world's middleweight champion, has resigned as matchmaker of the Brockton, Mass., Club . . . . Bob Melle is seeking a match for Frankie Foley, who has won four straight here with the capable Ernie Guisti.

Jimmy McLarnin of New Bedford and Gene LeBlanc of Fall River are blackballed in most Massachusetts clubs because of difficulties with their original managers. Gene Farland of Providence may face the same predicament locally.

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WEST VIRGINIA NOTES

By MICKEY DAVIES

TWO local amateur lads made quite a name for themselves in the recent New York Tournament of Champions. Lubby Grant, middleweight, and Ezra Gooderham, heavyweight, who won the titles in their respective weights in the Huntington event, made the journey to New York and advanced to the finals at the Garden. Grant, recently discharged from the service, looked very impressive in beating the best they had to offer in the Big City tourney and easily walked away with the middleweight crown.

Gooderham displayed championship form throughout the Garden tournament, although he suffered a bad break in the finals. He was well on his way to victory when his opponent butted him coming out of a clinch, opening a cut over his right eye. The referee halted the scrap in the second chukker and awarded the tilt to Ezra's adversary, much to everyone's amazement. The cut was nothing serious and could have been cared for by his handlers at the completion of the round. Gooderham announced he will turn pro shortly.

Jack Sheppard and George K. Brown, a prominent Wheeling sportsman, will revive boxing in the Steel City. Sheppard, who assisted in bringing the sport back to Huntington after it had died completely, will be associated with both the Huntington and Wheeling clubs. Managers seeking work in either city will do well to contact Jack Sheppard or Mickey Davies, 830 7th Avenue, Huntington, W. Va. Please enclose pictures and data with first letter.

Chauncey Hicks, former lightweight scrapper, has thrown his hat into the political ring . . . . Chauncey will be a candidate for state senator in the coming primary . . . . Frank Ferris, Charleston, W. Va., business man, is doing very well with his amateur shows in the Capital City Armory . . . . Some very good talent has been developed in these simon pure meets.

Billy Roberts, Charlotte, N. C., lightweight, gave everything he had, but it wasn't quite enough to match the punching powers of Wallopin' Willie Russell, the "Buckeye Buzz Bomb," on the Radio Center show in Huntington. Russell, a stiff puncher, was in command throughout the first frame and merely toyed with the Southern boy. The bell for round two found Willie swarming all over his opponent, and it was a matter of a few seconds before Roberts was tagged with a sizzling right that spelled the end of the scrap. Russell weighed 136; Roberts, 140.

The eight-round semi-windup also ended in a knockout. Jimmy Howard, Logan, W. Va., heavy, had too many heavy guns for Joe Thomas, Columbus, O., a stablemate of Russell. This is Howard's third straight victory in the local club.

Less Huffman's paperweight champs, Tommy Adams and Cracker Jack Adams, two youngsters of school age, came very close to stealing the show. Tommy and Cracker Jack work like old masters of the trade, and in the years to come fans can expect to hear great things of these kids. Their contest ended in a draw.

George Hairston, 139, defeated Baby Banks, 140, in a four-round preliminary. The judges seemed to be asleep on this one, as Banks was by far the superior fighter. Charlie Cox, a graduate of the Golden Gloves here, kayoed Bob Payne, Charleston, in the opening four. They are welterweights. Attendance was off on this show, something unusual of late.

Billy Adams is now running in Williamson, W. Va. Managers will find Billy one of the squarest men in the business. He can be reached at the Sport Shop, Williamson, W. Va.

A bang-up boxing carnival was staged at Huntington's Radio Center Arena. Herschel Joiner, veteran Cincinnati welter, came from behind to score a four-round kayo over Ace Lytell, Coast boxer, in the slated ten-round wind-up. Joiner, after being entirely on the defensive during the first two chapters, suddenly sprang to life in the fourth and rocked his West Coast opponent with sizzling left hooks and right crosses. Lytell was lulled to sleep in 1 minute and 20 seconds of the fourth frame, by a ripping right aimed at the solar plexus. Weights: Joiner, 147; Lytell, 145. Referee: John Rowsey.

The show-stealing semi-final featured Gib Jones, a very good club fighter from Cincinnati, and Billy Jackson of Huntington. Jones copped the decision by a needle point edge. These boys are light-heavies.

Ezra Gooderham, former local Golden Gloves champion, making his professional debut, scored a six-round victory over Buck Creek of Lima, O. Creek, a veteran of over 100 scraps, proved a tough foe for the former simon pure mittman. Gooderham's wallops carried too much power for the Ohio boy. Weights: Gooderham, 180; Creek, 179.

Ralph Rogers, who improves with each bout, scored his fourth straight victory at the expense of Larry Tatum of Cincinnati. The diminutive Rogers knocked out Tatum in the third stanza. Rogers weighed 123; Tatum, 128.

Billy Weeks, 180, back to the ring wars after a stretch in the Army, defeated Pat Riley, 175, a rugged Irishman from Columbus, in the opening four.

BETWEEN ROUNDS—Charlie Howard, a good little welter, is in town and looking for work . . . . Ralph Rogers, who has won his last 15 scraps in Army and civilian bouts, informs us he has worn the same pair of trunks in every contest . . . . Tommy Leeper and protege Sparky Reynolds on hand to witness the Lytell-Joiner go . . . . Sparky has been fighting down Texas way, with good results . . . . Dick Pogue was a guest of honor at a birthday party given by friends at Radio Center . . . . The ole champ was 50 years young on that date . . . . Some 500 guests were on hand to help Pogue celebrate the occasion.

CORRECTIONS FOR 1944 RECORD BOOK

In record of Lew Jenkins, Page 229, May 27, 1938, in fight with Bobby Britton, have record read—"KO by" instead of "KO."

In record of Frankie Genaro. Under 1922 add "Pancho Villa, Won 10."

Al Smith Scores Kayo

On February 26, at the Valley Arena in Holyoke, Mass., Al Smith kayoed Henry Briere in the third round. The report which showed Briere winning was incorrect.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

"IT was a 'bad break' all around," is the way Ralph DeJohn, Syracuse's crack light-heavyweight campaigner, explained his technical kayo defeat at the hands of Joe Maxim of Cleveland at Buffalo. DeJohn suffered a fractured left arm in the first round of a scheduled ten-round bout. A crowd of 6,814 was disappointed as a result of the accident. DeJohn was manhandling Maxim to a queen's taste, and showed some brilliant boxing and crisp punching up until Maxim blocked one of Ralph's shattering left hooks to the head with his elbow. DeJohn gamely fought until the round was over, keeping Maxim at bay with his right. The club physician, Dr. Kaiser, stopped the bout at the end of the round after examining DeJohn's injury. The "break" will keep Ralph on the shelf at least two months.

On the same card, Carman DeJohn, Ralph's up-and-coming brother, stopped Jack Garrett of Detroit in the second round of what was to be a tenner. It was Carman's last outing against trial horse opposition. Latest dope is the local boy will go against Ruben Shank, the "cowless cowboy," in Pittsburgh, and if he gets by this test will oppose none other than Ossie (Bulldog) Harris in the Smoky City.

Getting back to Lloyd Welsh's Binghamton cards, his show on March 20 had Frankie Best, 176, Cornell University, winning over Willie Davis, 171, Youngstown, O., in the eight-round star bout at Kalurah Temple before the usual jam-packed crowd. The former Fredonia fighter looked good, but didn't win easily. Davis had a habit of coming back no matter how much Frankie threw his way, forcing Best to do his best to win. Judges John Higgins and Al Lamb voted 5 rounds to 3 in favor of Best. Referee Wazzo Kocak scored it 4 to 3, giving the nod to Best on points.

Aster Rice, 146, Binghamton, had nine pounds the better of Allie Wolfe, Garfield, N. J., and easily annexed the decision in the six-round semi-final. Jackie Gaines, 155½, Cleveland, outpointed Lou Perez, Puerto Rico, in six rounds of slugging. Jimmy Maxwell, 179, Reading, Pa. (and Virginia), pasted Bob Wassell, 201, Brooklyn, in a six. Bud Scouten, 147, Binghamton, shellacked Nate Williams, New York, in four, while Stan Nabby, 171, Binghamton, beat Albon Buczuk, 175, Syracuse, in four.

Over at Troy, March 11, Ham Wiloby, 124¾, Long Island, N. Y., knocked out Joe Gatto, 128¼, Philadelphia, in the first round of a scheduled ten-round go.

Irving Robbins, Syracuse fistic maestro, who handled Caveman Fisher, Canastota Bob, Joey Kushner, Bert Courage and others too numerous to mention, has a spectacular little fighter in Shamus (The Dick) McCray of Cleveland. McCray, rugged Negro welterweight, is a sensation. He has class, speed, punch and ring personality. Stan Edwards, local light-heavyweight belter, is another of Robbins' boys now in the limelight. A puncher with a devastating wallop.

Cliff Hart, Syracuse's star amateur middleweight, has signed with Ray Arcel, widely-known New York trainer of champions, and will cast his lot with the pros in the very near future. Young Hart, who is 21, is a splendid ring prospect and a shiny future is predicted for him. Hart could not have made a better choice in the selection of his capable new manager. We have great respect for Ray and his ability.

Hart holds the national amateur welterweight crown, but is putting on weight and will compete in the heavier division as a paid performer. A veteran of World War II, Hart saw service in the South Pacific. He was crowned Eastern title holder early in March, receiving the award over Rudolph Cervantes before 19,000 in Madison Square Garden. This kid has it!

At Binghamton, Sam Baroudi, 162½, New York, outpointed Len Wadsworth, 159½, Hamilton, Ont., Can., in the eight-round wind-up at Kalurah Temple. Shamus McCray, 143, Cleveland, startled a packed house by knocking out Johnny Virgo, 142½, Rochester, in the first round of the scheduled six-round semi-final. Tony DeMicco, 179, Troy, decisioned Billy Beauford, 172, New York, in six hotly contested rounds. Astor Rice, 148, Binghamton, kayoed Matt Williams, 141, New York, in one. Johnny Sudar, 174, Endicott, beat Norman Fleet, 170, New York, in four rounds. Pat Smith, 136¼, Schenectady, outsocked Jimmy Mack, 140¼, Carbondale, Pa., in four.

On the Phil Muscato-Gunnar Barlund card at Buffalo, Carman DeJohn, promising Syracuse middleweight, knocked out Jack Hill, 171, Chicago, in five rounds. Muscato outpointed the veteran Gunnar in ten heats in the feature.

Using a powerful left hand to advantage, "Stunning" Stan Edwards, Syracuse Negro knockout artist, blasted out a ten-round decision over Irish Jimmy Mulligan, Lowell, Mass., gamester, in a slashing headliner at Binghamton's Kalurah Temple. Weighing 175 to Mulligan's 162, Edwards saw his kayo record fall by the wayside as the rugged Lowell bruiser stood toe-to-toe with him and slugged it out in one of the most bruising battles seen in the Parlor City in a long time.

Armand Olevano, 169, Endicott, who was kayoed by Edwards two weeks prior to the Mulligan fray, took a six-round decision over Billy Beauford, 175, New York, in the semi-final. Shamus McCray, 143, sensational Cleveland Negro slugger, whipped Young Chappie, 143, Albany, in a vicious six. Vic Belanger, 156, Utica, scored his seventh straight win by knocking out Terry Amico, 155, New York, in 45 seconds of the first round. Johnny Sudar, 173½, Endicott, decisioned roly-poly Tony DeMicco, 179, Troy, in four fast rounds. The award was unpopular. Pat Smith, 137½, Schenectady, nosed out an unpopular win over Al Foster, 143, Binghamton, in four hard-fought rounds.

LEFT HOOKS—Jimmy Alpert, the druggist, has a boxing layout in his largest store window, featuring copies of the latest issue of THE RING, pictures of famous boxers and several sets of fight gloves that has attracted much attention here . . . . Cliff Hart, newest addition to Ray Arcel's stable, has had boxing gloves on his hands since he was four years old . . . . Cliff's dad is a former fighter . . . . Irv Robbins celebrated his 25th year as a boxing manager recently . . . . Hazel Heinley baked Irv a cake, despite the sugar shortage, and the boys from Cauliflower Canyon helped Irv eat it . . . . Syracuse's much-discussed Memorial Auditorium is getting under way . . . . Terry Dundon is developing some good ring talent at the Boy's Club and stages regular smokers in which his boys take part . . . . Some of the bouts are pippins . . . . Eddie (Babe) Risko, former world's middleweight champion, is boxing instructor for the C.Y.O. here . . . . Gabe Genovese, the Babe's former manager, is as dapper as ever, but is putting on too much weight . . . . Better see the Babe, Gabe! . . . . We are in the market for 16mm sound prints of famous fights or will buy 35mm prints for reduction . . . . Write giving all details.

TAMPA AND VICINITY
By VELASQUES

MIAMI—Elmer Ray, 199, Hastings, Fla., knocked out Al Patterson, 200, Pittsburgh, Pa., in the third round after having dropped him four times in the second round and once in the third. Patterson, a six-foot-five giant, cut loose with some fancy slugging for two rounds, but faded away early in the third.

Jabbin Foots, 160, Atlanta, Ga., lost a one-sided eight-round decision to Red K.O. Jeter, 172, Washington, D. C. Elza Thompson, 245, Chicago, Ill., knocked out Straight Eight Pryor, 235, Atlanta, Ga., in four rounds. Pryor was dropped four times before going out for keeps. Jake Simmons, 131, knocked out Fast Black, 135, in six rounds.

Miami—Red Cameron, 188, Miami, defeated Josh Johnson, 183, Raleigh, N. C., in ten rounds at Biscayne Arena. Johnson, winner of his last 14 bouts, faded away after the sixth round. Johnson was dropped for a nine-count in the second round. Cameron, a newcomer, displayed a sharp left jab and a powerful right.

Johnny Lovett, 140, put an end to the five-bout win streak of Frankie Wetzel by winning an eight-round decision. Wetzel was down for nine-counts in the second and seventh rounds. Russell Lajour, 146, was fed an easy one in Joe Counte, 145, who lasted less than a round. Charley Fuller, 135, won from Lou Gatti, 133, in a four-rounder, and Lefty Coleman, 121, knocked out Billy McGlorry, 119, in the first round.

Fort Lauderdale—Frankie "Butch" O'Hare, Philadelphia, and Bob "Lanky" Timpson, Miami, battled eight furious rounds to a draw in what was one of the best bouts ever seen in Fort Lauderdale rings.

Frankie Fernley had a tough time keeping his perfect record intact, but he finally scored a six-round T.K.O. when the referee refused to let Charlie Lee of East St. Louis, Mo., continue. Clyde Templeton won from Billy McGlorry, and Bobby Fuller defeated Lou Gatti. Fred Meadows and Monroe Hooks fought a draw.

Nick Gulas, Tampa wrestling promoter, and Herb Welch, popular Oklahoma wrestler, were seriously injured in a head-on collision at Nashville, Tenn. . . . . Clarence "Cotton" King has won 28 of his 30 starts since getting out of the Navy . . . . George Larover, popular Philadelphian, has knocked out 17 of his last opponents.

Miami—Chico Morales, 124, Havana, scored a ten-round decision over Chili Cantero, 128, Havana. Frankie Wetzel, 137, Philadelphia, Pa., scored a T.K.O. over Danny Stan, 139, Bronx, N. Y., in five rounds. Lou Miller, 155, Miami Beach, won from Dan Martin, 164, Cleveland, O., in six rounds.

Chico Morales, 123, Havana, won a popular ten-round decision over Maurice "Lefty" LaChance, Lisbon, Me. Morales floored LaChance in the fourth and seventh rounds and forced the fighting all the way. Eddie Boden, 174, scored a T.K.O. over Jackie Miller, 173, in four rounds. The bout was stopped after Miller went down the third time in the fourth round. Frank Shockly, 173, knocked out Danny Martin, 165, in two rounds, and Lee Lott, 145, defeated Lou Greenberg, 147, in six rounds. Jack Patton, 158, defeated Lou Miller, 155, Brooklyn, N. Y., in another six-rounder.

George Larover, 144, Philadelphia, knocked out Joe Torres, 150, New York, in 1:16 of the third round at Fort Lauderdale. In a rematch to a previous draw, Russ Baxter, New Castle, Pa., defeated Buddy Rose, Sarasota, in a close ten-rounder. Buster Tyler, West Palm Beach welter, won a six-rounder from Gene Brown, Jacksonville, and Clyde Gordon of Miami knocked out Russ Leasure of New Castle, Pa., in 1:21 of the second round. Ray Roark of Chicago knocked out Danny Oyer of Columbus in two rounds.

Jimmy "Kid" Hatcher, 142, Sarasota, scored a clean-cut victory over George Larover, 142½, Philadelphia, in a ten-rounder at Miami. Larover found Hatcher more than his match at infighting. Newt "Buster" Baker, 147, beat Danny Stan, 144, in a six-rounder, and Jack Patton, 161, knocked out Ray Roark, 162, in three rounds. Jackie Mason, 120, defeated Clyde Templeton, 117, in four rounds, and Tony Linco, 139, knocked out Steve Hicks, 143, in one round.

Elmer Ray, 195, Hastings, Fla., knocked out Hubert Woods, 197, Chicago, Ill., in four rounds at Miami. This was a rematch, Woods having previously lost a ten-rounder to Ray at Chicago.

Manny Gomez is back on the top of his division in Florida, following his easy ten-round win over Bulldog Camagueyano of Havana. Orlando Fernandez, a Cuban lightweight, floored Carl McKinney, Savannah, five times before stopping him in the sixth round. Young Chino Alvarez, West Tampa, starting a comeback after spending over three years in the service, knocked out Jimmy Webb, Brunswick, Ga., in the second round with a vicious right-hand smash. Jimmy Kelley, a Chicago heavyweight, scored a T.K.O. over Tommy Nelson, St. Petersburg, in five rounds.

Juan Serrano, 161, Havana, won over Eddie Steele, 161, Macon, Ga., in ten rounds at Miami. Serrano lost two rounds on fouls. Bob Timpson, 150, Youngstown, O., won from Jack Patton, 160, Miami, in the eight-round semi-final.

Baby Chino is a nephew of Chino Alvarez, while Young Chino Alvarez is his cousin, and Young Alvarez is no relation to any of the aforementioned trio.

Freddie Pope, Columbus, O., and Ray Delgado, Havana, went ten rounds to a draw at West Palm Beach.

Young Chino Alvarez, West Tampa, was the victim of one of those well-known Tampa decisions when Hal Meredith of Macon, Ga., was given the nod over him in a ten-rounder that had the 1600 fans booing loudly. Baby Chino, West Tampa, was knocked out by Johnny Dupree, Tampa, in five rounds. Little Tony, Ybor City, won a close six-rounder from Battling Oscar, Tampa, in a fight that pleased the fans from bell to bell. Marcel Fournier, Montreal, floored Charlie Morrison of Macon several times to win a decision in six rounds. Bill Hedaman, Charleston, S. C., outgamed K.O. Dixon of Macon to win on points in a four-rounder.

Tampa—In a rematch against Bulldog Camagueyano, Abie Kaufman, Philadelphia, was again the victim of a bad decision. Kaufman had an edge in eight of the rounds, losing only the third and eighth rounds. Chili Cantero, Havana, easily outpointed the game but outclassed Carl McKinney of West Palm Beach in another ten-rounder. Orlando Fernandez, Havana, punched too hard for Bobby O'Day, West Palm Beach, and stopped him early in the first round. Ward Roark, West Palm Beach middleweight, knocked out Red Bryant, Plant City, in two rounds.

Johnny Dupree is the most improved boxer in Tampa. In knocking out Baby Chino, Dupree displayed a chopping right hand that packs dynamite. He should go far if properly handled. Hal Meredith has won his last 18 starts and is now fighting as a welterweight.

Buddy Rose, 162, Sarasota, knocked out Johnny Taylor, 158, Asheville, N. C., in four rounds; Jack Brazil, Jacksonville middleweight, was knocked out in six rounds by Jennings Brotherton, Parris Island; Carl McKinney, 126, West Palm Beach, lost a six-rounder to Lew Brown, 136, Parris Island; Tom Peavey, Jacksonville welter, was stopped in one round by Jack Lisle, Savannah; Danny Brazil, Jacksonville, was knocked out in two rounds by Jack Richards, Parris Island.

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BOXING IN MAINE
By LINDSEY L. MEADER

MISS ADRIENNE COTE, 22-year-old daughter of Judge Cote of Lewiston, and nurse, aviatrix and knitter extraordinary, is trying to add one more talent to her repertoire—the art of being a judge of boxing contests. The Commission recently turned down her application for a judge's license on the grounds that it's no job for a female. That's how it should be.

The Commission has suspended the Dover, N. H., feather, Ralph Ricker, and Michael Green, Somersworth, N. H., welterweight, for failure to appear for ring engagements in Brunswick.

Female grunt and groan artists are back in the state after a two-year absence. They're packing them in at weekly shows in Portland and Lewiston.

At Augusta—Turning loose all of his savage instinct, Al Michaud, 144, Lisbon, technically kayoed Leo Mayo, 146, Augusta, in 2:47 of the second round. The Augusta lad didn't have a chance against the former Maine welter champ. In the semi-final, Babe Quirrion, 140, Waterville, won a unanimous decision over Jimmy Gagnon, 140, Lewiston, in six. The preliminaries went thus: Billy Bernier, 140, Lewiston, knocked out Gil Ray, 144, Augusta, in one; Battling Murphy, 121, Lewiston, decisioned Tony Belevance, 119, Augusta, in four, and Dick Mayo, 144, Augusta, won over Bob Pepin, 144, Lewiston, in four.

At Brunswick—Maurice Cloutier, 161, Manchester, N. H., won over Johnny Marra, 163, Boston, in eight. Pat Dyer, 149, Berlin, N. H., won by a technical kayo over Tom Nadeau, 150, Brunswick, in five. Buddy Labbe, 140, Lewiston, went through a six-round draw with Eddie Hudson, 138, of Bath. A pair of four-rounders saw Chick Cloutier, 123, Brunswick, decision Dave Shade, 122, Lewiston, and Armand Cournoier, 120, Derry, N. H., win over Henry Goupil, 118, of Bath.

At Lewiston—Young Tiger Flowers, 146, Worcester, Mass., won a unanimous decision over Al Michaud, 144½, Lisbon, in eight. Norman Bennett, 142, Auburn, decisioned Babe Quirrion, 142, Waterville, eight; Battling Murphy, 121, Lewiston, kayoed Kid Cloutier, 119, Brunswick, in one; Al Perry, 148, Augusta, flattened Kid Bolduc, 147, Waterville, in 35 seconds of the first round of a scheduled four.

At Boston—Lloyd Hudson, 134, Bath, Me., dropped an eight-round decision to Al Smith, 131, Roxbury, Mass., at the Boston Arena.

At Bangor—Tommy "Red" Wells of Manchester, N. H., kayoed Leo Methot of Montreal in the fifth round of a scheduled eight-round main event here. Wells weighed in at 138, Methot at 136. In the semi-final of six rounds, Pat Dyer, 147, Berlin, N. H., decisioned Bill Bernier, 146, Lewiston. The preliminaries on the card all ended in the third, with Frankie Anderson, 165, Belfast, winning by a T.K.O. over Battling Gray, 158, Lewiston; Joe Tanguay, 158, Lewiston, flattening Young Green, 150, Bangor, and Tommy Prince, 135, Montreal, winning by a T.K.O. over Dick Eagan, 130, Bangor. Each was a scheduled four-rounder.

At Portland—Billy Zaduk, 145½, Toronto, won a split decision over Maine's welter champ, Eddie Letourneau, 145, Sanford, in an eight-round main event here. Letourneau was badly bothered by the southpaw jabbing attack of Zaduk. In the scheduled eight-round semi-final, Billy Lancaster, 157, Portland, ended a two-year lay-off by kayoing Eddie Davis, 160, of Toronto, in the fourth. The preliminaries saw Len Bickford, 143, Portland, kayo Norm Bennett, 141½, Auburn, in the second round of a six; Eddie Moran, 136, Boston, flatten Buddy Labbe, 139, Lewiston, in the fourth of a six, and George Vokey, 144½, Portland, win by a T.K.O. over Al Andrews, 144, Biddeford, in the second round of a scheduled four.

At Fairfield—Kid Norman, 176, Oakland, kayoed Young Carson, 175, Rockland, in two; Young Myers, 139, Rockland, flattened Bill Oliver, 138, Waterville, in two; Ralph Nutt, Fairfield, won on a technical kayo from Pinky Barker, Fairfield, in three (weights not announced); Young Dubois, 175, Waterville, won by a T.K.O. over Kayo Colson, 170, Rockland, in the second. Babe Quirrion, 138, Waterville, won over Al Worster, 135, Rockland, in six, and Young Reny, 144, Waterville, kayoed Leo Gagne, 141, of Fairfield, in one.

At Berwick—Pete Villeneuve, Berlin, N. H., kayoed Bert Chisholm, Dover, N. H., two; Tony Prince, Lewiston, won by a T.K.O. from Young Nadeau, Berwick, in three; Al Fontaine, Auburn, drew with Tony Welch, Berwick, in four; Jimmy Dinardo, Berlin, kayoed Young Perreault, Berlin, in two. All weights unavailable.

At Lewiston—Young Ted Drew, 153, Lewiston, took another step toward a slaughter at the hands of Coley Welch by winning a technical knockout victory over Johnny Marra, 156, Boston, in an eight-round main event here. In the semi-finals, Johnny Thomas, 146, Portland, won on a T.K.O. from Norm Bennett, 143½, Auburn, in the fourth round of a slated six, and Flash Boucher, 131, Augusta, kayoed Leo Prince, 134½, Montreal, in the first of a six. The preliminaries saw Eddie Macks, 116, Lewiston, win by a technical kayo over Teddy Duart, 115½, Lewiston, in four; Billy Bernier, 143, Lewiston, flatten Al Reny, 149, Waterville, in two, and Roland Berube, 136, Lewiston, decision Bert Gagnon, 134, Lewiston, in four.

At Portland—Billy Lancaster, 157½, Portland, won a split decision over Al Barbosa, 157, Providence, R. I., in eight; Tony Roberts, 127, Winnipeg, Can., won over Lloyd Hudson, 132, Bath, in eight; Len Bickford, 144, Portland, knocked out Bill Bernier, 144, Lewiston, in the second of a six. In scheduled four-rounders, Gabby Paul, 133½, Biddeford, kayoed Joe Cobb, 131, Saco, in three; Norman Nealley, 146, South Windham, decisioned George Vokey, 147, Portland, and Fliver McGee, 117, Biddeford, won over Young Dave Shade, 120, Lewiston.

At Brunswick—Al Michaud, 146, Lisbon, knocked out Bert Chisholm, 151, Dover, N. H., in one minute of the second round of a scheduled eight. In the semi-final, Pat Dyer, 146, Berlin, N. H., won over Johnny Thomas, 146, Portland, in six. In another six, the Texas Kid, 147, Portland, decisioned Ed Villeneuve, 150, Berlin, N. H. The preliminaries saw Eddie Hudson, 138, Bath, draw with Leo Prince, 136, Lewiston, in four; Johnny Babine, 110, Bath, win over Eddie Mack, 112, Lewiston, in four.

At Fall River, Mass.—Leo Mucucci, 130, up-and-coming Portland lightweight, won a unanimous decision over Bobby English, 131, Fall River, in a ten-round main event here.

At Lewiston—Al Michaud, 145½, Lisbon, challenging Ed Letourneau, 147, Sanford, for the Maine welter crown, forgot to duck and was laid flat in 1:11 of the first round of a scheduled ten-round main bout here. In a six, Bud Labbe, 139½, Lewiston, won over Eddie Hudson, 137, Bath. Another slated six stopped short in the fourth round when Jimmy Gagnon, 142½, Lewiston, kayoed Eddie George, 142½, Waterville.

In the preliminaries, Fliver McGee, 119½, Biddeford, won over Kid Cloutier, 121, Bath, four; Johnny Babine, 112½, Bath, kayoed Teddy Duart, 114, Lewiston, three, a bout in which the fans decided that as far as fighters are concerned, Mr. Duart would make a good musician (which he really is). In the opener, Kid Bouthot, 170½, Lewiston, kayoed Kid Roy, 175, Lewiston, in two.

At Bangor—Lloyd Hudson, 134, Bath, won over Johnny Campbell, 132, Brewer, eight; Frankie Anderson, 165, Belfast, kayoed Tommy Burns, 172, Hampden, two; Kayo Brown, 168, Pittsfield, drew with Jack Dubois, 170, Waterville, six; Hooper Young, 140, Bangor, decisioned Eddie George, 142, Waterville, four; Virgil Crook, 140, Bangor, kayoed Lefty Labaldi, 140, Waterville, in one.

At Portland—New England Middleweight Champion Coley Welch, at 164½, kayoed Freddie Wilson, 158½, New York, in the ninth of ten scheduled rounds at the Portland Exposition. The semi-windup saw Eden Germaine, 135, Portland, come back after a two-month layoff to decisively whip Henry Briere, 133, Putnam, Conn., in eight.

In the preliminaries, Len Bickford, 147, Portland, won over Harry Cooper, 150, Springfield, Mass., six; Ivan Jones, 125, Portland, drew with Charley Kelley, 127, Toronto, six; Sparky Doucette, 118½, Whitinsville, Mass., kayoed Fliver McGee, 115½, Biddeford, in one; George Vokey, 146½, Portland, decisioned Norman Nealley, 146, South Windham, four.

At Augusta—Young Ted Drew, 152, Lewiston, won over Johnny Marra, 156, Boston, eight; Babe Quirrion, 139, Waterville, decisioned Billy Bernier, 142, Lewiston, six; Dick Mayo, 145, Augusta, flattened Young Labonte, 140, Waterville, one; Wild Man Quirrion, 155, Augusta, kayoed Young Gagne, 158, Augusta, two; Tony Bellavana, 118, Augusta, decisioned Gil Roy, 120, Waterville, in four.

At Lewiston—Bob Pooler, 138½, Portland, decisioned Flash Dutil, 137½, Lewiston, eight; Buddy Labbe, 139, Lewiston, won on a T.K.O. from Everett Hodgkins, 136½, Portland, one; Jimmy Gagnon, 141, Lewiston, won over Eddie Hudson, 137½, Bath, six; Dave White, 174, Brunswick, flattened Johnny Pepin, 169½, Lewiston, four; Kid Bouthout, 169½, Lewiston, T.K.O.'ed Kid Roy, 174, Lewiston, two; Red Beaudry, 126, Auburn, knocked out Kid Cloutier, 123½, Brunswick, in one.

At Bangor—Frankie Anderson, 164, Belfast, won a technical knockout verdict over Bob Rynne, 162, Lowell, Mass., in three. The semi-final saw Kayo Brown, 164, Pittsfield, get a T.K.O. victory from Kid Norman, 166, Oakland, also in three. In the preliminaries, Tony Cook, 156, Portland, flattened Bob Brown, 152, Monson, two; Young Bryant, 148, Belfast, decisioned Young Ryan, 146, Waterville, in four; Hoofer Young, 142, Bangor, won over Eddie George, 144, Waterville, in four.

At Portland—Eddie Letourneau, 147½, Sanford, set a record for quick kayoes in Maine by flattening Eddie Bangs, 148, Cambridge, Mass., in 30 seconds of the first round of a scheduled eight at the Exposition Building. In a co-feature, Lloyd Hudson, 133, Bath, won a decision from Paul Bangs, 136, Cambridge, Mass., eight. A six-rounder saw Charlie Kelley, 128, Toronto, outpoint Ivan Jones, 124, Portland.

The scheduled fours saw Frankie Anderson, 163, Belfast, kayo Maynard Waltz, 164, South Portland, three; Buddy Labbe, 138, Lewiston, knock out Everett Hodgkins, 134, South Windham, two; and Jim Cobb, 138, Biddeford, outpoint Gabby Paul, 133½, Saco.

At Augusta—Bob Pooler, 138, Portland, won a decisive victory from Johnny Campbell, 138, Brewer, in eight fast rounds here. Semi-final action saw Kid Norman, 160, Oakland, disqualified for not trying, by Referee Blondy Gayton in a bout with Kayo Browne, 162, of Pittsfield. Browne was given a fifth round T.K.O. victory. In four-round preliminaries: Charley Wooster, 140, Rockland, decisioned Eddie George, 142, Waterville; Cal Henry, 147, Bangor, won from Dick Mayo, 148, Augusta; Dick Eagan, 128, Bangor, decisioned Flash Bushey, 132, Augusta.

At Brunswick—Jerry Boisvert, 161, Montreal, outpointed Billy Lancaster, 161, Portland, eight; Leo Prince, 140, Lewiston, T.K.O.'ed Eddie Hudson, 138, Bath, four; Al Tanguay, 153, Lewiston, won on a T.K.O. over Johnny Marquis, 147, Brunswick, three; Ray Small, 133, Freeport, outpointed Chick Cloutier, 127, Brunswick, four; Al Marquis, 144, Brunswick, decisioned Tony Tanguay, 145, Lewiston, in four.

IN YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO
By BILL WALSH

BILL WALSH bowed in as Youngstown's new boxing promoter, with Bert Lytell and Johnny Lawer at the Rayen Wood Auditorium before a gathering of 1575, with a gross gate of $3200.

Lytell won 10 out of 10, never giving Lawer a chance to get set. This was Lawer's first fight since December, 1945, and as far as this observer is concerned, should be his last fight.

Mike Berskovich, Niles, O., puncher, showed promise by banging out a six-round win over King Freeman, Negro Cleveland boy. Berskovich had Freeman on the deck four times, but his timing was poor and overanxiousness to score a kayo lost him that type of victory.

Bobby Timpson, Youngstown lightweight, showed to advantage in scoring over Buddy Samarco of East Liberty, Pa.

Tony Janiro, "Boom-Boom" Mancini, Tommy Bell and Russell Baxter were introduced from the ring. The first three are Youngstown products, while Baxter is a New Castle, Pa., boy, 14 miles distant.

Jimmy Dunn, who managed Johnny Kilbane, the former featherweight champion of the world, was a recent visitor in town.

Ray Foutts is predicting great things for Tommy Yarosz, who will soon be seen in action in this area. Tommy recently handed Charley Padolino a licking in Cleveland.

Anyone desiring to show their fighters in Youngstown can contact Bill Walsh, Ohio Hotel, Youngstown, O. Kindly send all information, pictures, weight, color, and records of last ten bouts.

BOXING IN CUBA
By MILT BARON

HAVANA boxing business was curtailed last month, chiefly due to the carnival season. Saturday night has always been the principal night for boxing, and as the Carnival "Comparsas" started early Saturday and lasted until 2 o'clock in the morning, semi-pro programs were held only. These "comparsas" (dress parades) are traditional and draw fans of every sport.

The only program for professional boxing held last month was that of Mario Ochoa, the Cuban middleweight champion, and George Red Doty.

Mario Ochoa came out of his corner like a flash, landed a terrific right on Red Doty's jaw, and that was the end of the contest in the first round.

Rafael Lastre beat Diego Sosa in the semi-windup of ten rounds. In the preliminary, Wilfredo Miro scored a three-round knockout over Melquiado Diaz, featherweights.

Luis Godoy, Cuba's best boxing promoter, has a good list of fights scheduled for the coming months. He is trying hard to get Willie Pep to show in Havana. Probable opponents include Miguel Acevedo and Kid Gavilan, two local favorites who draw well.

PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS
By FRANK T. McQUAIDE, JR.

RAY (SUGAR) ROBINSON fought Sammy Angott at the Gardens and for the first three rounds it looked as though the fistic upset of the year might occur. But age gave way to youth and the uncrowned king of the welterweights walked off with the unanimous decision over the former king of the lightweights. Robinson weighed 147; Angott weighed 143.

In scheduled six-rounders Carman DeJohn, 167, Buffalo, N. Y., knocked out Henry Jackson, 171, Steubenville, O., in 35 seconds of round two after having floored his opponent for counts of eight and seven in the opening stanzas. Irish Mickey Doyle, 160, Buffalo, N. Y., scored a kayo over Tut Tabor, 163, Pittsburgh, in 1 minute, 39 seconds of round two. Both Jackson and Tabor were victims of terrific rights to the jaw.

The third six-rounder found Charley (Young) Zivic, 152, Pittsburgh, winning a split decision over Jackie Armitage, 147, New Kensington, Pa.

Jack McCahill, 158, Canonsburg, Pa., decisioned Pete Spotti, 159, Cecil, Pa., in four rounds, and Sammy Schipani, 139, Pittsburgh, won the decision over Irish Ray Miller, 136, Ellwood City, Pa., in the four-round curtain-raiser.

The show established a new indoor record for Pittsburgh, both for attendance and gate receipts. There were 6680 cash customers, who contributed $53,047.20 gross gate. Net receipts showed $41,985.73.

Charley Roth, Akron, O., heavyweight, is building himself a following in Pittsburgh. On March 7 he scored his second T.K.O. in as many starts at the Aragon, his victim being Don Morrow of Cleveland, O. His first victim was the local heavy, Art Bomber Brown, in the same ring a few weeks previously. The time was 2 minutes, 30 seconds of the seventh round. Charley Roth weighed 189, and Morrow, 197.

In the six-round semi-final, Henry Jackson, 172, Steubenville, O., won easily over George Sapolich, 168, Johnstown, Pa.

Another scheduled six-rounder saw Chet Martin, 144, Akron, O., win by a T.K.O. over Walt Keen, 141, Pittsburgh. Keen was unable to answer the bell for the third round.

In the four-rounders, Jimmy Johnson, 173, Homestead, Pa., drew with George Clark, 171, Pittsburgh, and Willie Huff, 174, Pittsburgh, knocked out Ray Edwards, 171, Akron, O., in 1 minute, 22 seconds of the second round.

The show drew 1047 fans, who paid a gross of $1405.74 and a net of $1325.74.

On March 14, rugged Charley Burley, hard-hitting local middleweight, displayed his powers as a drawing card when the largest crowd in the Aragon Arena history turned out to see him win easily over Charley Dodson of New York. Burley floored Dodson for a nine-count in the first round with a flurry of body blows. Late in round two, a left hook to the body dropped Dodson to the canvas for the second time. As the count reached two, the bell sounded and the New York boy had to be carried to his corner. Unable to come out for the third round, Referee Ernie Sesto awarded Burley the T.K.O. victory. Burley weighed 157; Dodson, 157.

Dave Bruce, 147, Pittsburgh, defeated Bobby Bright, 147, Homestead, Pa., in the scheduled six-round semi-final. Bright was unable to answer the bell starting the fourth round and Bruce was declared winner by a technical knockout.

Buddy Samarco, 142, Pittsburgh, won a split decision over Bobby Timston, 138, Ellwood City, Pa., four rounds. Al Thornton, 162, Rochester, Pa., knocked out Jimmy Campbell, 157, Steubenville, O., in 2 minutes, 35 seconds, round one of a scheduled four, and Nate Smith, 151, Pittsburgh, decisioned Green Leak, 150, Pittsburgh, in the opening four-rounder.

Juste Fontaine won his bout on March 21, but his victory didn't make him very happy. The local lightweight protege of Fritzie Zivic threw punches continuously in his ten-round main bout with Hubert Samuels of Philadelphia, but few of them landed squarely enough to do any damage.

Samuels fought out of a shell and let go occasionally with a looping left hook to Fontaine's jaw when the Frenchman became careless in his blocking. But it was Juste who forced the fight all the way. A terrific right to the jaw floored Samuels for the count of nine in the second round, the only exciting round in the entire bout.

Fontaine weighed 136; Samuels, 137.

In the six-round semi-final, Charley (Young) Zivic, 155, Pittsburgh, another protege of the irrepressible Fritzie, won by a technical knockout over Jack McCahill, 157, Canonsburg, Pa., when McCahill suffered a bad cut over his left eye. Zivic was well out in front on points when Referee Freddie Mastrean stopped the contest. Charley is a greatly improved fighter of late and seems to do exceptionally well when Fritzie is in his corner.

Nate Smith, 148, Pittsburgh, started out well in his scheduled four-rounder with Cab Calloway, 148, Pittsburgh, but the rangy southpaw was soon bewildered by the peculiar rushing style of his opponent and Calloway won by a knockout in 1 minute, 10 seconds of round two.

Buddy Samarco, 139, Pittsburgh, looked impressive while knocking out Jim Sabatino, 135, Jeanette, Pa., in 18 seconds of round two of the scheduled four-round curtain raiser.

Another scheduled four-rounder between Lin Brosier and Red Skelton, local light-heavyweights, was cancelled when Skelton became ill before the weigh-in and a suitable substitute could not be found. A capacity crowd attended.

Three eight-rounders and two fours was the card presented on March 28 at the Aragon Arena, with Willie Jenkins of Homestead, Pa., and Bud Kelly of Cincinnati, O., in the feature's attraction.

The bout's start saw both boys scoring equally. Late in the second round Jenkins began forging ahead and after 1 minute, 29 seconds of the third round, Referee Buck McTiernan stopped the bout and awarded Jenkins the T.K.O. victory. Kelly had staggered to his feet after taking a nine-count and was in no condition to continue. Jenkins weighed 148; Kelly, 147.

In the second eight-rounder Willie Gillian, 128, Homestead, Pa., stablemate of Jenkins, won the unanimous decision over Jimmy Wiley, 127, also of Cincinnati. Gillian floored his opponent for a four-count in the first round and an eight-count in the seventh. The first eight-rounder between Al Johnson, 168, Indianapolis, and Gib Jones, 172, Cincinnati, saw Johnson walk off with the decision.

George Clark, 170, Pittsburgh, decisioned Jimmy Johnson, 172, Homestead, Pa., four rounds. Ralph Freedman, 174, Bellevue, Pa., and Lin Brosier, 174, Pittsburgh, fought four rounds to a draw in the opener.

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

LACKEY MORROW, a little fighting fool of a featherweight some twenty-five years ago, recently sold out his grocery and meat market business in Spokane, where he carried on same for twelve years. Lackey is at the moment visiting his many friends in Tacoma. Dave Davey, a very likely-looking Tacoma seventeen-year-old, 18-pound amateur boxer, is training faithfully at Amundsen's gym, under the direction of Amundsen, for a busy amateur season. This big golden-haired youngster has fine possibilities. Paulie Cook, featherweight, recently discharged from army service, has joined Tacoma's fistic colony and is training at Amundsen's for a busy Northwest fistic season. The aggressive little fellow held the Panama Canal Zone featherweight title for three years. A great little crowd pleaser. Bill Ross, Seattle manager of welterweight Milo Savage, is keeping his charge busy on various Pacific Northwest fight cards.

Mike Finley, Indian 140-pounder from Missoula, Montana, who was stationed at Fort Lewis for the past five months, is about set to be transferred to another army center in the East. Mike developed into an impressive attraction on Pacific Northwest fight programs. Mel Epstein, Seattle matchmaker for the Kosmos Boxing Club, is giving Seattle fight fans some bang up boxing shows. The pleasant little guy is always on the beam, with an aim to please the boxing public. Dummy McNish, a free-swinging deaf mute featherweight in yester-years around Tacoma, is a frequent visitor to Amundsen's.

Harold Eldrod, a progressive young Tacoma business man and owner of Mid-Way Arena, Tacoma's home of swat, has installed gym equipment in the Arena building to be used twice a week for the amateurs who appear on the twice monthly amateur cards. Don Ferris, a young Tacoma middleweight who showed some promise in winning two professional starts, is uncertain about his boxing future. The handsome and husky kid recently entered the College of Puget Sound. Ernie Jensen, who did some amateur boxing, and taught the sport at the University of Idaho, has been granted a referee's license by the Washington State Athletic Commission.

Minor W. Stuart, and Ted Birmingham, Grays Harbor boxing men, plan on holding their future fistic shows in Aberdeen. The old Olympic Arena on First Street will probably get a face-lifting job to house Minor's and Ted's future fistic festivals. Mike Jacobs, New York, Larry Atkins, Cleveland, and Herman Taylor, Philly, may all have their spacious arenas and big time fighters, but when it comes to dishing out action galore and well-conducted fight programs, Tacoma's promoter, Will Maylon, need not take a back seat from any of the aforementioned moguls of swat. The Tacoma *Times* Carriers Athletic Club held their first boxing show in the Amundsen gymnasium March 20th. Seven fast simon-pure mixes were paired off. After the bouts, hot dogs, soda pop, etc., were awarded the youngsters for the fine entertainment provided the large audience sitting in on the program.

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HOT SPRINGS, ARK.—Eddie Lee won a hard ten-round decision over Jose Andres. They are featherweights. Henry Chuckoluck knocked out Ted Hoxie, 4; William Wyatt stopped Young Green, 3; Kid Young stopped Battling Siki, 1. They are all Negroes.

Clarksville, Ark.—Gerald Ross, 155, Fayetteville, decisioned Elbert Boggs, 155, Clarksville, 3. Billy Willis, 121, decisioned Charles Moody, 3. Bobby Fowler, 117, decisioned Kenneth Larson, 116, 3. Bill Buch, 134, decisioned George Crosby, 133, 3. Cotton Willis decisioned James Willis, 3.

Hot Springs, Ark.—Joey Martinez, middleweight, of Mexico, won over Curley Denton, Cincinnati, ten rounds. Jimmy Dodd, Los Angeles heavyweight, knocked out Jimmy Summers, Jackson, Miss., 2 (scheduled six-rounder). Jackie O'Brien, 126, Memphis, won over Harvey Richards, 126, Springfield, Ill., 6. William Wyatt, 170, Dallas, Tex., knocked out Herman Wiggins, 175, Hot Springs, 2.

Hot Springs—Vince Gambill, Kansas City, and Ben Evans, Oklahoma City, fought a hard ten-round draw. They are welterweights. Jack Peterson, Bauxite, Ark., lost to Johnny McNeill, Dallas, Tex. They each weighed 150, and they slugged from bell to bell for six rounds. Robert Holmes decisioned William Wyatt, 6. These two are Negroes.

Hot Springs, Ark.—Charley Eschman, Cincinnati, administered a boxing lesson to Larry Kenke, Chicago, in ten. Eschman knew too much for Kenke. They are welterweights. The semi-final of six rounds also went the limit. "Deacon" Logan, St. Louis, and Jerry Hayes, Minneapolis, two Negro middleweights, put up a slashing fight, with Lew Avery, referee, giving a well-deserved decision to the "Deacon." Jackie Reynolds, Little Rock, and Bobby Richards, Springfield, Mo., took the show with a six-round draw. They are featherweights.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Dick Smith, Oklahoma City, knocked out Ocie Deering, Beaumont, Tex., in 31 seconds of the second stanza. Jimmy Curl, San Antonio, Tex., won a six-round decision over Jake Stephens, Oklahoma City. Chick Sanchez, San Antonio, Tex., won a six-round decision over Mickey Travis, Oklahoma City. Jackie Lyons knocked out John Riley, 3. Cherokee Hendricks won over Chief Tabbytete with a knockout in three rounds. Howard Carr and Billy Strunk boxed a four-round draw. Babe Hunt was the promoter.

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This surprised the big crowd who then let out a tremendous round of booing which could not be subdued.

When Joe Jacobs, the announcer, told the crowd that the bout had been halted because the Frenchman had been too far outclassed, this brought forth a further stream of boos, and the next bout started without the public being able to hear whom the contestants were.

According to the rules of boxing, the referee does have a right to call a halt if he thinks that the losing boxer is so far behind, that he has no chance of winning, but the fans obviously do not like this rule, and in this particular instance it was all too obvious that the Frenchman was not in a distressed condition.

The hit of the show was scored by the 18-year-old Swansea southpaw featherweight, Cliff Curvis, 123½, who gave a masterful performance to outclass the former bantamweight champion of the British Empire, Jim Brady of Dundee, 124.

The latter was floored several times, and was in a bad way when the referee called a halt in Curvis's favor.

The large crowd took kindly to the youngster, and I predict that in Cliff Curvis, who is the son of Dai Curvis, former Welsh fighter of about twenty years ago, we will have a future champion at whatever weight he finally matures to.

Eric Boon, 145½, ex-lightweight champion of Great Britain, made short work of Mick Magee, 140, of Belfast, when he knocked the latter out in the second of a scheduled eight-round contest.

A contest that the fans looked forward to was that between Billy Thompson, 132½, ex-A.B.A. champion, and Billy Biddles, of Birmingham, 135, who were matched for eight rounds.

Both Thompson and Biddles had many supporters, but they were to be disappointed, for after an even first round, as Thompson swung over a right, Biddles shot a right to the body, but the latter blow landed low, and when Thompson sank to the canvas the referee had no alternative but to disqualify Biddles.

Mark Hart, 163, Croydon, former amateur heavyweight champion of Great Britain, scored a good win when he outpointed Matt Locke, 161, of Belfast, in eight rounds at Plumstead Baths.

Hart took the contest to his opponent throughout, and although he had Locke in a bad way several times, he could not land the final blow, and had to be content with a points decision.

Cliff Anderson, 119, British Guiana, knocked out Tommy Madine, 119, of Belfast, in the seventh of a scheduled eight-round contest, after being well behind on points.

Stan Hibbert, 136, of Battersea, defeated Billy Cunningham, 136, of Kew, in the fourth of what was to have been an eight-round contest.

Tady Murphy of Ireland knocked out Eddie Oliver of Charlton in the second of a six-round bout, and Garry Roche, 126, of Ireland, defeated Billy Marlow, 129, of Battersea, on points in a six-rounder.

Ray Famechon, 124, French featherweight champion making his first appearance in England, had an easy journey when he outpointed Danny Webb 126, of Canada, at the Seymour Hall, Marylebone, over eight rounds.

The undefeated 21-year-old Famechon found the going against Webb extremely easy, and although he nearly knocked out the Canadian in the fifth round, Webb rising dazed at nine, the Frenchman seemed content to pile up the points and took very little out of himself in so doing.

Al Phillips, 127¾, of Aldgate, won over Roger Tison, 127, of France in the fourth round, when the Frenchman was forced to retire with an extremely badly cut eyebrow.

Harry Lazar of Aldgate defeated Jake Kilrain, ex-welterweight champion of Great Britain, the referee stopping the contest in the fourth round after Kilrain had been floored several times. This was a scheduled eight-rounder.

Cliff Anderson, 122, British Guiana, outpointed Tommy Madine, 120, Ireland, in eight rounds.

Dickie Grant, 127¾, of Barnsley, defeated Garry Roche of Ireland in six rounds, while in a scheduled four Stan Hibbert, 135, of Battersea, defeated Dick Horton, 138, of Kentish Town, who retired in the first round.

Ronnie Clayton, 127½, of Blackpool, won on points over Paddy Dowdall, 128, of Dublin, after ten exciting rounds at the Liverpool Stadium.

Stan Hawthorne, 134¾, won by a technical knockout over Warren Kendall, 136¼, lightweight champion of Wales, in the third of a scheduled ten-round contest.

Hawthorne, who hails from North Shields, took command from the opening gong, and it came as no surprise when Kendall retired.

Jim McCann of Belfast and holder of the featherweight championship of Northern Ireland, won over Frank Williams of Birkenhead when the latter retired during the sixth of a scheduled ten-round contest with a badly-cut eyebrow.

Vernon Ball of Treherbert outpointed Bobby Nicholes of Guernsey in eight rounds.

Tommy Renner of Liverpool outpointed Johnny Barton of Lancaster in six rounds.

Ronnie Taylor of Horwich won from Alf Kenny of Liverpool by a knockout in the third of a scheduled four-round curtain-raiser.

Reg Andrews of the Royal Marines and Charlie Collett of Hemel Hempstead, weighing just over 400 pounds between them, proved too much for the ring at Epsom for this worthy squared circle found the combined weights a little too much to stand and gave way during the first round.

Workmen immediately dashed beneath the ring with cases to enable the fight to continue. This it did to the accompaniment of hammering until the eighth round when another board slipped, but this did not halt the bout and Andrews won on points.

Bert Jackson of Fleetwood outpointed Len Davies of Wales over eight rounds.

Ben Duffy, 127¾, of Jarrow, scored a good win at Nottingham when he knocked out Danny Webb, 130, of Canada, in the sixth of a scheduled ten round affair.

Webb took a short count in the first round, and was again floored in the sixth for nine. On rising he was again put down by a terrific right to the jaw, this blow finishing the contest.

Reg. Hoblyn, 153, of Hounslow drew with Bert Saunders, 156, of Kilburn in eight rounds at Shepherds Bush.

Chris Adcock, 152, of Rochdale, knocked out Johnny Bull, 148, of Blackfriars in the first of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Johnny Toohig, 142, of Croydon, outpointed Jeff Amery, 141, of Enfield in eight rounds while Les Braybrook of Notting Hill outpointed Teddy Prior of Croydon in a six-rounder.

There were wild scenes at the ringside at Seymour Hall, London, when Eric Boon, former lightweight champion of Great Britain, now embarked upon the comeback trail, tore victory from the grasp of the Frenchman, Maurice Ouezman, in the seventh round, after having been severely battered during the preceding rounds.

Boon had taken severe punishment from the Frenchman until the seventh round, when he tore from his corner and caught Ouezman a terrific smash to the jaw which sent the latter spinning.

When Boon saw victory within his grasp he did not let up, and soon had blood pouring from the Frenchman's nose and left eyebrow from his vicious punches.

Boon had the Frenchman in a bad way and the referee stepped in and applied the closure when it was obvious that Ouezman was beaten.

Then the riot started.

The Betting Boys, who had taken odds of 4-1 against Boon, were so incensed at the sudden swing over, that several free fights broke out at the ringside, and it was quite some time before order could be restored.

This was an exhibition of sportsmanship at its lowest ebb, and I have no hesitation in stating that unless something can be done about these "betting boys," the popularity of the noble art will severely diminish, for patrons will not wish to be amid such scenes as the one I witnessed at the Seymour Hall, simply because one fighter managed to gain the upper hand after being the under-dog.

This is definitely not the spirit of British sportsmanship, and I see severe repercussions if such an episode is allowed to repeat itself.

Cliff Curvis, the smart 18-year-old Swansea featherweight, gained another good win when he outpointed Cliff Morris of Pontypridd in eight rounds.

Curvis, a southpaw, had Morris on the canvas for a long count before running out an excellent winner.

After giving his decision as a draw in the contest between Ray Davies of Dagenham, and Tommy Kenny of Burnley at Blackburn, Referee Ben Green stated;

"Never in 35 years of refereeing, have I gone through ten rounds of greater torture."

He declared that he would have declared the bout "No Contest," had it not been that Davies was a last minute substitute.

"They both tried," he stated, "but their trying was of the sort that is no use in boxing today."

Davies had taken counts of nine, seven and six before the end of the bout.

Jimmy Webster, 119¾, South Africa's bantamweight champion, last seen in this country in 1939, made a welcome return to British rings when he defeated Mickey Colbert of Galway, 119¼, in ten rounds at Liverpool Stadium.

Webster took the fight to Colbert from the start and won well.

Billy Barton of Liverpool was defeated on points by Alf Edwards of Birmingham after eight fast and furious rounds at the lightweight poundage.

Peter Fallon of Birkenhead knocked out Lou Wilde of Worcester in the third of a scheduled eight-round featherweight bout.

Jock Hardin of Manchester won over Flt. Sergt. Kerczewski of Poland by a technical knockout in the second of a scheduled eight-round lightweight bout.

Bobby Nichols of Guernsey and Dave Parker of Doncaster fought six rounds to a draw.

Jackie Paterson, holder of the world's flyweight title, and also bantamweight champion of the British Empire, boxed much below the form expected from him when he was well beaten on points by Bunty Doran of Belfast over ten rounds at Dublin. Both men scaled 120.

Doran was always forcing the contest, and rarely allowed Paterson to connect with a damaging punch.

It is doubtful whether Paterson was able to win a single round during this contest, and Doran was a clear winner at the close.

A peculiar incident occurred when at the end several people who seemed to disagree with the verdict tried to enter the ring and make for the referee, Mr. Jack Smith, but they were dispersed by the police before any harm could be done.

Another surprise was caused when British welter and middleweight champion, Ernie Roderick of Liverpool, could only draw with Jimmy Ingle of Dublin in ten rounds.

Although Roderick rallied towards the close, he could not offset Ingle's early lead and did well to draw.

Jimmy Webster of London outpointed Joe Meikle of Belfast in eight fast rounds.

Jimmy Moore, 148½, of Birkenhead, won on points over Ginger Roberts, 146¾, of Whiteley Day, after ten rounds at the Liverpool Stadium.

Willie Whyte of Scotland won over Ginger Wart of Merthyr by a technical kayo in the sixth of a scheduled eight-round welterweight contest.

Dave Edwards of Liverpool won over Jimmy Dwyer also of Liverpool by a technical knockout in the fourth of a scheduled eight round middleweight contest.

Herbie Clarke of Liverpool outpointed Frank Skyrme of Barrow in six rounds.

Freddie Wilks of Birkenhead won over Johnny Kelly of Dublin after six fierce rounds.

Billy Thompson, the young, up-and-coming ex-amateur lightweight champion of Great Britain, who hails from Hinckleton Main, scored the quickest win of his career when he knocked out Don Cameron of Scotland in the first of a scheduled eight-round contest at the Caledonian Road Baths.

Thompson did not waste time, but immediately set about Cameron, sending both hands to the Scot's jaw. Cameron went down for nine and was sent down for a similar count upon rising.

A further punch to the chin sent him back to the canvas, this time for the full count.

Ernie Stapleton of Wood Green knocked out Alf Crummuck of Enfield in the first of a scheduled eight-round bout.

Billy Marlow of Battersea outpointed Dave Sharkey of Stepney in six rounds, while Stan Hibbert of Battersea defeated George Simmonds of Wales on points in six rounds.

Billy Biddles of Birmingham defeated Warren Kendall of Wales on points after eight hard-fought rounds at Birmingham.

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Jack Smith of Worcester won the final of the open heavyweight competition when he outpointed Taffy Woods of Southend in six rounds at Watford.

An invitation from Promoters Valdemar Christiansen and Bjorn Thaibitzer of Copenhagen, Denmark, to visit them, took me away from England for 12 days and the visit was extremely enjoyed by yours truly, for, besides renewing old acquaintances, I witnessed the bouts between three boxers from Eire against the pick of Denmark's best boxers.

The K. B. Hallen was packed to the doors when the first pair took the ring. Henry Nielsen, 160, of Denmark, outpointed Lennart Boquist, 157, of Sweden, in six rounds after a good contest. The Danish representative was too clever for the aggressive Swede.

A really smart featherweight in Helge Rasmussen, 130, of Denmark, stopped Sean Phillips of Dublin in the last 30 seconds of the eighth and last round. Referee Knud Larsen stopped the contest after Phillips had taken considerable punishment and was floundering around the ring after putting up a very game show.

Next in the ring were Carl Nielsen of Denmark, who weighed 210 pounds, and Chris Cole, 193, of Mullinger, Eire. The Dane with his weight advantage soon went in with his wild swings and forced the Irishman on the defensive, scoring knockdowns in the third and fourth rounds, and although Cole was not distressed, the referee stopped the contest by order of the doctor who was seated at the ringside.

It was a decision that was not well received by the large crowd, but as it was explained to me afterwards, this is one of the regulations in Danish boxing—the doctor can ORDER the referee to stop a contest if he thinks it should be stopped.

In the last contest of the night, Aa Christensen, 170, Denmark, survived a count of nine in the first round to win a points decision over Pat Mulcany, 162, of Cork, Eire, in a six-rounder.

A prize of 500 Kroner, approximately 100 dollars, was presented by a patron for the best show put up by the Danish boxers. This was won by Christensen for winning a contest after almost being kayoed in the first round.

Theo Medina, 117½, the golden-skinned French gypsy, threw away the European bantamweight championship, with victory within his grasp, when he sank a right-hand punch into the prohibited area of Jackie Paterson's body when they met at the Royal Albert Hall in a scheduled 15-round contest. Paterson weighed 117¾.

Referee Moss Deyong, who was in a perfect position to see the blow land, immediately disqualified the Frenchman and thus Paterson added the European bantamweight title to his world's flyweight championship and the Empire bantamweight title, which he also holds.

A crowd of 6000 fans cheered the crestfallen and sobbing Frenchman, as he stood in the center of the ring where he had a few minutes earlier lost a winning battle because of one careless punch that was without a doubt low.

Medina and Paterson had put up a grand contest for the first seven rounds. The Scot had evidently learned something from his previous overweight contest with Medina in Paris, which Medina won on points, over the ten-round route.

It was a most disappointing climax to a grand battle of wits and hitting power, for during the early part of the bout Paterson showed some of the old form that made him champion of all the flyweights. He would dart in and out with crisp right-hand punches and sharp straight lefts to the head and body, while Medina, ever on the alert and quick of eye, would counter with rights to the head and body and a left hook to the short ribs. They continued in this way, but a keen eye would notice that Medina's body blows were beginning to take effect and were wearing down the fast-moving and hard-hitting Scot.

There was very little between the two lads when the eighth round started, until the Frenchman switched from making the body his target and shot a left hook to Paterson's jaw, which put the latter down for eight. Paterson was very shaky when he rose, and another right to the jaw put the staggering Scot down for another count, this time for nine. He arose all at sea, and staggered around the ring at the mercy of the fiery Frenchman, who chased Paterson, trying desperately hard to land the final *coup de grace*.

But when Paterson stumbled onto the ropes, the Frenchman stepped back and watched his feeble opponent trying to defend himself. Then, in a fraction of a second, Medina made the mistake of rushing in with a well meant right to the body which went palpably low, and Referee Moss Deyong, without a moment's hesitation, waved Medina to his corner and disqualified him, while Paterson sank to the canvas unconscious.

Paterson is the first British boxer to win the European bantamweight title in 23 years, since Bugler Lake of Plymouth outpointed Charles Ledoux of France in the same ring.

Eric Boon, 146¾, former lightweight champion of Great Britain, went a step farther in his welterweight comeback campaign when he knocked out Billy Stevens, 149¼, of Scotland, in the seventh of an eight-round contest.

Boon rocked the head of the Scot back time and time again, but the game Stevens came back for more and was very shifty. However, a hard left hook in the early part of the seventh session put him on Queer Street and he was but a target for the hard-hitting Chatteris man, who soon applied the final kayo.

Cliff Curvis, 126, of Swansea, again proved a hit when he scored a clean and clever win over the hard-hitting Scottish featherweight, Billy Comerford, 124½, in eight rounds.

Alec Murphy, 113, of Scotland, and Jimmy Gill, 114½, of Nottingham, fought a fast eight-round contest on even terms throughout, and it must have been by a narrow margin that Referee Pat Fox decided that Murphy was the winner.

The North Shields lightweight, Stan Hawthorne, 133¾, made his first appearance in London when he stopped another hard-hitting battler from Belfast, Gerry Smythe, 132, in the fifth of an eight-round bout.

Albert Finch, 160, of Croydon, outpointed Frank Hayes, 161, of Belfast, in the feature bout in eight rounds at Beckenham.

Stan Hawthorne, 134, of North Shields, who is sweeping all before him, scored another good win when he won over Syd Worgan of Wales by a technical kayo in the sixth of a scheduled ten-round contest at the Stadium in Liverpool.

Ginger Stewart, 151, Glasgow, outpointed Dave Edwards, 149¾, Liverpool, in eight rounds. Tommy Renner of Liverpool outpointed Ron Cooper of Wales in an eight-rounder. Phil Freeman of Wales knocked out Alf Lunt of Bootle in the second of a scheduled eight-round contest. Harry Barrett of Pontefract won on points over Dave Charles of Liverpool in six rounds.

Eric Boon, 146, hard-hitting former lightweight champion, still carries T.N.T. in his mitts, for after looking all over a loser against Maurice Ouesman, 146¾, of France, at the Seymour Hall, London, in their eight-round contest, he shot a hard left and right to the Frenchman's head early in the seventh round which put him down for a count of eight.

Another left hook put Ouesman down again, and the game Frenchman arose only to receive another of the Chatteris boy's heavy punches which all but knocked him out, and the referee did the best thing in intervening to save a gallant boxer from taking unnecessary punishment.

Jimmy Webster, 117, of Canning Town, who is destined to reach the top by his clever boxing and hard hitting, scored a good win when he defeated Tim Mahoney, 116¼, of Poplar, in the second round of a scheduled ten-round contest.

Webster was too good for Mahoney, and after taking considerable punishment, the referee intervened in Webster's favor.

Cliff Curvis, 128½, Swansea, scored a clear win at the expense of another Welshman when he defeated Cliff Morris, 125¾, at the end of eight rounds.

Billy Stevens of Scotland outpointed Harry Lazar of Aldgate in another eight-round contest. Jimmy Davies, 153½, Bethnal Green, gained a win over Don Budock, 145½, of Wales, in the fourth of a six-round contest when the latter was forced to retire with a badly cut eye.

Alby Hollister, 161, of Islington, gained a good win at the expense of Harry Watson, 160, Sidcup, when he knocked out the Negro in the second of a scheduled eight-round bout at Plumstead Baths.

Bert Jackson, Northern Area featherweight champion, outpointed Len Davies of Swansea in the feature bout of eight rounds at Epsom.

Reg Andrews, heavyweight champion of the Royal Marines, continued his winning way when he outpointed Charlie Collett of Hemel Hempstead in eight rounds.

Jimmy Webster, 119¾, South African bantamweight champion, returned to Great Britain and appeared at Johnny Best's Liverpool Stadium against Mickey Colbert, 119¼, of Galway, in a ten-rounder. Webster forced the pace throughout and at the end was a clear winner.

Henry Hall of Sheffield outpointed Billy Walker of Newcastle in ten rounds at Sheffield.

Billy Thompson, 139, the former A.B.A. lightweight champion, disposed of Don Cameron, 140½, of Scotland, in the first of an eight-round contest at the Caledonia Road Baths.

Thompson started in brisk fashion and soon had the Scot in a bad way, and after taking several counts, Cameron was counted out after receiving a hard right to the body. The contest lasted one minute and fifty seconds.

Billy Biddles, Birmingham, gained a points win over Warren Kendall, Wales, in an eight-rounder at Birmingham.

Cyril Gallie, 136, of Cardiff, gained a narrow points victory over the hard-hitting Negro French lightweight, Battling Hai, 135, in eight rounds at Newport.

Gallie, with blood streaming down his face from cuts over his eye, fought gamely and although he took two counts during the sixth and seventh rounds, his early lead carried him through to victory.

Coming in as a last-minute substitute, Alby Hollister, 161½, of Islington, created a sensation in the manner in which he dealt with Taffy Williams, 162, Swansea.

Hollister, who is a natural fighter with a left hook, dealt out considerable punishment to Williams, who was in a very sorry plight in the fourth round, and the referee stopped the contest in Hollister's favor.

Jimmy Stubbs, 127¾, Runcorn, outpointed Johnny Molloy, 128½, St. Helen's, in a thrilling ten-round contest at Johnny Best's Liverpool Stadium.

Both boys fought with great vigor throughout and it was by a narrow margin that the referee decided that Stubbs was in front at the end of the last round.

Jimmy O'Brien, Sidmouth, knocked out Bert Chambers, Widnes, in 1:18 of the first round of a contest scheduled for eight rounds.

Vernon Ball, 135½, Cwmparc, and Syd Worgan, 135, Llannavan, drew at Trelaw after a hectic ten-round contest. Billy Davies, Nantyglo, defeated Gilbert Hughes, Cardiff, in the supporting eight-round contest.

Frankie Williams, 127¼, Birkenhead, met George Thomas, 126¼, of Aberfan, and punched very hard until he cut Thomas' eyes in the eighth of a ten-round contest at Blackpool. The latter retired, leaving Williams as the winner.

Twenty-year-old Billy Thompson of Hickleton Main, who must surely be rated as one of the most up-and-coming young lightweights in these Isles, retained his unbeaten professional certificate when he outpointed Battling Hai of France in eight rounds at the Seymour Hall, London.

Hai, who is an extremely hard puncher, couldn't get close enough to the smart young ex-amateur, who gradually pulled ahead to receive Referee Teddy Waltham's decision at the close.

Jimmy Webster of Canning Town proved to all and sundry that he is a force to be reckoned with in the bantamweight ranks when he defeated Alf Ward of Cheam, holder of the Southern Area bantamweight championship. The referee called a halt at the end of the third round of an eight-round contest.

Johnny Russell of Covent Garden was extremely unlucky to only share the honors in his contest with Bobby Ramsay of Stepney, for it seemed that he had done more than enough to merit the decision.

Joe Carter of Mitcham defeated Garry Roche of Ireland, who retired at the end of the second of a scheduled six-round contest.

Jimmy Davis of Bethnal Green outpointed Chris Adcock of Rochdale in six rounds and Benny Duffy of Jarrow outpointed Jackie Rankin of Southall in eight rounds.

It is with deep regret that I have to report the deaths of two grand old-timers of boxing in John Murray, age 76, who was for the past 35 years the editor of *Boxing*, and the former welterweight champion of Great Britain, Johnny Summers of Middlesborough, who died at the age of 63 in New Zealand.

The noble art will be much the poorer for the passing of these two men, whose entire lives were devoted to the sport.

Britain's heavyweight champion, Bruce Woodcock of Doncaster, made short work of his scheduled ten-round contest with George James of Wales at Hull, when he caused the referee to intervene in the third session, after he had battered James severely.

James seemed to be tiring after an even first round, and relied mainly upon a straight left during the second session.

Woodcock left his corner for the third round with the obvious intention of ending the bout, for he shot a terrific right to James' chin which sent the Welshman to the canvas for seven.

James arose, but three rights again dropped him, this time for eight. He took three more counts of seven, six and eight, before Referee Teddy Waltham stepped in and stopped it.

Woodcock, the hard-hitting Yorkshireman, wound up his British loosening-up campaign by stopping Bert Gilroy in the second heat of a ten-rounder before a crowd of 6700 fans, who contributed to a net gate of $17,000.

A CORRECTION

Nick Stato decisioned Al Pennino in eight rounds, not kayoed him in ten, as was reported last month.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

AL NETTLOW, former welterweight contender and one of the very first boxing instructors under the Gene Tunney service banner, has taken up residence in Jacksonville, Fla. He will promote professional boxing, assisted by your correspondent. The classy ex-Detroiter will box a half-dozen times before retiring to devote himself to the promotional end. Boxing fans of Jacksonville and the sports-penners are 100% with him, and Al has their best wishes.

"Sugar Ray" Delgado, Cuban featherweight boxer, added another kayo to his list by planting Monty Klein to sleep in three rounds at Sarasota.

Jacksonville's Faroff Marvin Cumbie has annexed new fistic laurels. After recently winning the welterweight title of his area in Germany, Marvin captured the middleweight honors in a tourney held in Bremen for the ETO crown. In garnering his newest honor, Marvin can compete in bouts to be held in Berlin, Italy and in Switzerland. He expects his discharge soon.

Tom Sharkey, Jacksonville ex-sailor, scored another kayo over Kayo Drummond (Toby Reid). Drummond couldn't make it for the sixth heat. Tom outweighed his man considerably and had him down several times. Sharkey, 192; Drummond, 172.

Pee Wee Flores, Tampa feather, let Billy Joyce have it in the second round of their tilt in Sarasota. On the same card, Eddie Mader knocked out Al Quintana in the first round of a heavyweight match.

Georgie Abrams, high-ranking middleweight, sends in word from Miami, where he is convalescing from a kidney operation.

Steve Kronis, Boston featherweight, and "Sugar Ray" Delgado, Tampa boxer, met in the ten-round feature scrap at West Palm Beach and Kronis won in a sweet fight. Delgado weighed 128, two more than the winner. In the semi-final, Russ Baxter continued his triumphant tour by stopping Roy Evans of Tampa in the fourth frame. Both middleweights. Bobby Fuller of Boston was too tough for Tony Alphonso, Tampa, and Tony was stopped in the first. Russ Lajour, New Castle, Pa., put the sleeper on Lew Greenberg, Newark, N. J., in the second. A Negro bout saw Buster Tyler, local welter, K.O. Johnny Roundtree, Tampa, in two.

Spartanburg reopened to boxing on March 1st. The feature had Jimmy Sheppard, classy light-heavyweight, against Guard Wyatt. Sheppard, a Marine at Parris Island, defeated the heavier Wyatt in ten rounds of a good fight. The semi-windup had Jennings Brotherton, 136, defeating Bob Wade, 134, via a three-round stopper.

Eddie Webb, young Jacksonville lightweight, is another among the local fistic guard to bid the uniform goodbye. Eddie, in his first St. Petersburg showing, was stopped in two by Joey Raymond.

Georgie Larover, Philadelphia welterweight, punched too hard and too often for Joe Torres, Puerto Rican battler, the result being a three-round T.K.O. win for the Northerner. The bout took place at West Palm Beach. Referee Billy Shell was correct in stopping the bout to prevent any serious injury to Joe. Larover scaled 144½; Torres, 150.

Buddy Rose, Sarasota, took everything Russ Baxter, Pennsylvania, dished out and then came back to administer some of his own medicine in a ten. At the end, Baxter was one round ahead to take the duke. The boys are middleweights. Clyde Gordon, Jacksonville welter, did well in stopping Russ Lajour in the second canto. Clyde had his man down twice before the end.

Bobby Fuller, Boston, earned a draw with an anonymous opponent. Ray Roark of Chicago stopped Danny Oyer of Columbus, O., in the second. Buster Tyler, West Palm Beach Negro welter, beat Gene Brown, Jacksonville's Negro battler, in a six-rounder.

Joey Raymond, Tampa vet on the comeback trail, disposed of Vic Jade, a Cleveland lad, in the second at St. Petersburg. Joey, 141, had Jade, 143, down twice in the fatal chapter. In the semi-spot, Hank Roque, 136, Tampa, kayoed Marcel Fournier, 135, Montreal, in the fifth.

Capt. Vince McNeill, boxing manager of pre-war days, is back at Parris Island, S. C., with the Marines. McNeill saw lots of fireworks while in the Pacific. At present, Mac is helping the boxers at the Island. Ditto Jimmy Sheppard, Springfield, Ill., light-heavyweight, who is doing some boxing around the spots nearby.

Georgie Larover stopped Frankie Ross in the sixth round of a ten-round main event at Miami. Larover and Ross are welters. Russ Baxter, weighing 12 pounds more than Joe Torres, won a six-round kayo, too. He weighed 164.

Manager Paul Pitisci, Jr., of Tampa, offers a challenge to the best middleweights in the South against his boy, Juan Serrano. Serrano is a Puerto Rican and has met Bobby Britton, Indian Gomez, Al Jolson, Buster Carroll, Harold (Jamaica) Smith and others.

At New Orleans—"Sugar Ray" Delgado, prize Cuban featherweight, fighting out of Tampa, gave the highly-touted Augie Lapara, Crescent City featherweight, a rough night of it. The eight-round decision went to Lapara, but he had to fight every inch of the way. The work of Al Lang in Delgado's corner was a feature. With a badly cut optic, Delgado was thankful for Lang's fine patch-up work. A rematch is assured. Delgado was THE RING's best featherweight prospect several issues back. This award was given good publicity by New Orleans writers.

Jacksonville Golden Glovers Gabby Marek, heavyweight from the local Naval Air Station, and Eddie Chyz, bantam from the same station, gave boxing in the Florida metropolis its greatest boost by copping national crowns in the recent tourney at Madison Square Garden, New York. Marek defeated Joe Frucci of Niles, Mich., who represented the Western color bearers. Head Coach Ray Arcel tabbed Marek as the greatest punching amateur since Paul Berlenbach.

Henry Armstrong, former triple champ, praised Chyz's boxing ability. Eddie defeated Paul Iguchi, representing the West. Two other Jacksonville boys, Wade Chancey, heavyweight (alternate), in the Merchant Marine and living at Staten Island, and a young Negro 112-pounder, Tommy Rhett, boxed. Tommy came all the way to New York to compete in the G.G.'s. He took an unpopular nod over Chyz earlier in the meet for the Eastern title. At the Garden, Rhett dropped a disputed decision. Chancey lost to sharpie Mike Buha. The champs are products of the Jacksonville *Journal* Golden Gloves tournament.

At Miami—Juan Serrano upset Eddie Steele in the feature middleweight bout, a ten-rounder.

At New Orleans—Sammy Adragna, 146¾, Pittsburgh, knocked out Louis Rousse, 147½, New Orleans, in the sixth heat.

At Miami—Elmer Ray, Florida's outstanding fistic contribution, took three rounds to kayo Al Patterson of Pittsburgh. Both weighed 199.

Fort Lauderdale's Negro heavyweight, John Thomas, upset Jack Kearns' latest fistic pride and prodigy, Joey Maxim of Cleveland, in New York's St. Nick's Arena. It was a ten-rounder . . . . Lt. Tony Rubino, former boxer and trainer for the Jacksonville Naval Air Station boxers, can be proud of his coaching, for he brought home two champs, Marek and Chyz, in the national meet in New York . . . . Eddie Steele and Buddy Rose, middleweights, fought a "No Contest" in Jacksonville, the "bout" being stopped in the fifth by Referee Dick Gore. Still further notice of the need for a boxing commission . . . . Clyde (Flash) Gordon, Jacksonville welter, was given a draw in his Houston clash with Henry Majcher of Pennsylvania, but the Jacksonville fighter looked like the winner.

At Savannah, Ga.—Johnny Lovett and Frankie Ross appeared in a welterweight match of ten rounds, Lovett winning a poor tilt. The rest of the card was excellent. Albert Lodge, local lammer, won easily over Carl McKinney, Jacksonville, in a featherweight clash. Lodge can be developed into the local favorite if cared for and matched well. Jack Lisle, local welter battler, gained his second pro win, taking Billy Richards, Parris Island Marine, into tow by a two-round T.K.O. A cut eye was the cause. Jennings Brotherton, Parris Island, continued winning, defeating Jacksonville's popular Jackie Blount in a six-round semi. Jackie was down twice. Both are lighties. In the four-round opener, Jack Brazzelle, Jacksonville middleweight, won a decision over Lou Brown, Parris Island.

At West Palm Beach—Freddie Pope, Columbus, O., feather, won as he pleased over Steve Kronis, Boston, in the feature bout of ten rounds. Pope weighed 126½, and Kronis a pound less. Frankie O'Hare was a close winner over Bob Timpson, Youngstown, O., in an eight-rounder. The winner, 151; loser, 148. Buster (Knute) Baker, Terre Haute, Ind., won easily from Vic Jade, 139, Cleveland. Baker, 142, took all six rounds. Danny O'Shea, 139, San Francisco, and Bobby Fuller, 138, Boston, went to a good four-round draw. The opener, four rounds, found Lefty Coleman, 123, Miami, winning over Ray Lee, 124, East St. Louis, Ill.

At Miami—Elmer (The Violent Kid) Ray, Hastings, Fla., heavyweight contender, added Hubert Hood, Chicago, to his knockout victims. It's now 35 out of 38 for the Floridian. Hood was doing well until he angered Elmer, and the latter responded with a lacing that caused the Chicagoan to suffer a dislocated shoulder. A four-round T.K.O. Ray weighed 195; and Hood, 187. A crowd of 4500 attended, the largest of the season.

The semi-windup had 245-pound Elza Thompson taking a tenner from Bearcat Obie Walker, Atlanta veteran, 247. Red Jeter, 170, stopped Charles Goren, 162, in the first. Tommy Hudson, 129, decisioned Jake Simmons, 130, in the opening sixer. All Negro boxers on the card.

At San Juan, Puerto Rico—Jose Basora, punching Puerto Rican middleweight, won a ten-round decision over Mario Raoul Ochoa, Cuban middleweight star, and the championship of the Antilles. The boys fought hard throughout the contest.

Paced by the kayo punch of their National Golden Gloves heavyweight champ, Gabby Marek, the Jacksonville Naval Air Station boxers eked out a team triumph over the Miami University slingers. Marek led his mates to victory with a first round knockout over Bill Corrigan, the Miami bearer. The teams were tied then at 3½ and 3½, until Gabby stepped into his vital role. Eddie Chyz, the Station's alternate national bantamweight king, was forced to forfeit because of a stiff neck. Pat Price, Miami middleweight, decisioned Stuart Stagg of the Jax Station. Other winners were: Nick Carrisal, featherweight, JNAS, winning from Jimmy Demox; Sanford Remington, JNAS, beating Tom Duff in the 165 class; Knox Brandon, JNAS, and Red Barron, Miami, a lightweight, draw; John Whitson, JNAS, and John Pilifian, Miami, welterweights, a draw, and Toby Reed, JNAS, and Frank Pettit, Miami, a third draw.

Tommy Campbell, Atlanta welter, will be ready to resume boxing shortly and will work under yours truly. He is a pleasing action fighter. Tommy did well in rings around California way while in the Navy.

Will greatly appreciate boxing news and results of the South. Address Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville 8, Fla. Fighters and managers, contact me for future ring dates in Jacksonville.

Jimmy Kid Hatcher, Florida's whirligig welter, pounded out an impressive ten-round verdict over the game Philadelphian, Georgie Larover, at Miami on March 11. The Sarasotan won as he pleased, though it was a hard fight and a rough one. Hatcher weighed 142, and Larover, 142½. In the semi-final, Knute Baker, 147, was the better man over Danny Stan, 144, in six; Jack Patton, 161, T.K.O.'ed Ray Roark, 162, in three; Tony Linco, 139, kayoed Steve Hicks, 143, in one; and Jackie Mason, 120, took the four-rounder from Clyde Templeton, 117.

Johnny Taylor, the Asheville Express, had as his eleventh knockout victim a Piedmont, S. C., scrapper, Odis Alexander, who fell before the former's hard punching in the third round. The winner weighed 157, five more than his opponent. It was his eleventh knockout win in twelve starts. Taylor scored several knockdowns before administering the *coup de grace*.

The semi-final battle took the cake for the night. In this, Early Hamilton, labelled the bolo puncher, used that type of blow to earn an eight-round victory over Dick Driver, a Cherokee Indian. He dropped Driver three times. Hamilton, at 147, was heavier than Driver by eight pounds. In a six-rounder, Sammy McFall, 127, Gastonia, beat Tommy Jones, 125, Charlotte. Mark Reed, 145, of Cherokee, had a hard time with Tommy Grant, 148, of Asheville, but had enough to win the four-rounder. Two little kids, weighing 75 pounds apiece, took the 2500 fans by storm in their three-round draw encounter. The laddies, Jimmy Nelson of Greenville and Jackie Alexander of Piedmont, S. C., and son of the main event performer, Odis Alexander, were the contestants.

The Jacksonville Naval Air Station has a worthy heavyweight representative in Al Sinibaldi, crack New England heavyweight.

On March 6 at Augusta, Ga., Baxley Hardy, Augusta's hard-hitting southpaw middleweight, won by a considerable margin over Eddie Steele of Macon in a hot ten-round scrap. Hal Meredith, Macon, won over Al Reid, Greenwood, S. C., in the eight-round semi-final. The boys are lightweights. Early Hamilton, Mt. Holley, N. C., kept up his winning streak, scoring a kayo over Frankie Daniels of Parksville, S. C., in round two. A right-hander to the button did it. Both are welters. Ike Gomillion, Augusta, kayoed Chuck Miller, another local boy, in the second. Charley Reames, Langley, was a one-round knockout winner over Kid Rook, local, and Joey Alberto fought to a draw with Willie Bradley.

Clarence "Cotton" King, 144, and Frankie Ross, 145, travelled ten rounds to a standstill at West Palm Beach on March 22. Georgie Martin of Boston, weighing 155, used several of his best punches on Eddie Mullane, 160, Dallas, Tex., and the latter went out in the second round. Buster (Knute) Baker, 148, Terre Haute, Ind., won over Lew Miller, 151, Brooklyn, in six. Bobby Fuller, 138, Boston, had too much for Sam Santi, 140, Detroit, and scored a six-round T.K.O. A draw between Ray Roark, 160, Chicago, and Charley McCarthy, 158, Springfield, Mass., resulted in their four-rounder.

Mike Raffa, hard-hitting featherweight ace of the Ray Foutts stable, won and lost in a torrid ten-round feature tilt with Eddie Bertolino, a New Orleans product, at Memphis, Tenn., on March 12. Little Mike with the dynamic fists had his man down for nine-counts in the fifth and ninth rounds, through the ropes in the eighth, and outgunned Eddie all the way, but the decision was given to his opponent. Mike tipped 128, and Eddie, 133.

In the twin ten, Gene Spencer, 133, Chicago, won over Abie Kaufman, Brooklyn lightweight. Joe Kosky, 135, New Orleans, decisioned Montell Miller, Memphis, and Eddie Gatty, New Orleans,

scored a kayo in three rounds over J. B. Betts. They scaled 153 and 150, respectively. Two Negro clouters, Joe Hart and Church Hill, both of Memphis, scrapped to a draw in four.

Miami—Chico Morales, 132, trounced Maurice Lefty LaChance, 134, in a ten-rounder at Miami. He had the Maine boy down three times. Eddie Bowden, 175, stopped Billy Miller, 175, in the fourth.

Aiken, S. C.—Carlyle Thompson, Anderson, S. C., won a ten-round nod over K. O. Garvin. Jennings Brotherton beat Bob Wingate in eight. They scaled 137 and 151, respectively. Thompson and Garvin are heavyweights.

At Sarasota—Buster Carroll won a ten-round decision over Joe Torres in a very good fight. Carroll took a five-minute rest period from a low punch thrown by Torres. Larry Lynn lost a close decision to Johnny Dupree in the eight-round semi-final. They are lightweights. Smiling Charlie Nelson won a six-round slugfest from Sonny Hope. They are middleweights. Sugar Ray Jackson scored a three-round K.O. over Ferrol Norris. Henry Waters won in four fast rounds from Clarence Wilks.

At St. Petersburg—Joe Torres won by a technical K.O. over Buster Carroll in the fourth. They had renewed where they left off the night before. It was good while it lasted, but Torres again couldn't keep his punches up. Ralph Hughes won by a T.K.O. in the first round over Charlie Nelson. They are middleweights. Sonny Hope won in six heats over Burman Dodd. Max Turner K.O.'ed Ray Jackson in the third of a four-rounder. Frankie Evans won in four over Charlie Stokes.

At Sarasota—Eddie Mader scored a three-round K.O. over Jim Bowden in a wild-swinging bout that saw both men on the floor during the fight. Mader, 198; Bowden, 210. Buster Carroll won in eight rounds over young Johnny Dupree, a disputed decision. Carroll, 153; Dupree, 155. Max Douglas also won a disputed decision over Henry Waters in six rounds. Both 160 pounds. Charlie Stokes won in the fourth by the K.O. route over Claude Norman. Both 120 pounds. In the four-round curtain-raiser between Negroes, Baby Chocolate lost to Jimmy O'Brien.

Charlotte, N. C.—Jimmy Sheppard, Parris Island Marine, gave Josh Johnson a boxing lesson in eight heats, then kayoed him in the ninth. Jennings Brotherton, 137, added to his winning streak by taking a six-round nod over Lester O'Brien, 141.

Aiken, S. C.—Buddy Rose scored a T.K.O. over Al Cook in the fourth round. Both are middleweights. Pat Linton, local jockey, beat Fag Simmons in the eight-round semi-windup. It could have been a draw. Both are lightweights.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Al Reid and Rutt Snyder, both lighties, travelled ten rounds to a draw, and Guard Wyatt knocked out Jimmy Boyd in the first round of a heavyweight tangle.

Albert Leon, former Tampa fighter, is training the Andrew fighters in the Cigar City, and Cuco Rodriguez, another former boxer, is running the new gym in Ybor City. Isidoro Torres, another ex-glover, runs the Broadway Cigar Store, where the fight crowd congregates. Baby Joe Diaz, who fought Freddie Pope and Ernest Nogues in Florida recently, is having his nose operated on, and will be absent from the ring for some time.

Buster Carroll beat Ralph Hughes in ten rounds at Sarasota. The semi-final stole the show. It was a rip-snorting combination boxing and slugging bout between Roy Evans and Johnny Dupree, and Evans won in eight. Dallas Woods, 162, lost a hard luck fight when he received a bad cut under his left eye from an accidental butt from O. D. Miller, 160, in the third round. Charlie Nelson, 159, won by a T.K.O. in the third round over Sonny Hope.

At St. Petersburg—Joey Raymond, 140, Tampa, continued his winning ways by putting Eddie Webb, 137, to sleep in the second round of the main ten-round bout. In the semi-final, Hank Roque, Tampa, 138, won by the T.K.O. route over Billy Scollar in eight. Ferrol Norris won a four-round decision over Jack Burnam and Ray Johnson drew with Battling Oscar in four. Oscar is still the crowd-pleasing clown as of yore.

WITH THE NAVY BOXERS

By HARRY DWYER, CSM.,
Navy's Ring Correspondent

STARTING from scratch and with the winds of war left dwindling in the distance, Navy post-war boxing has gotten underway with all the frills and fancies of its old-time spirit. From the halls of Montezuma, as the Marines would say, to the war-scarred shores of Tokio, the seagoing scrappers have put aside their war clubs, donned the upholstered mittens, and leveled their human guns over the horizons of the 24-foot enclosures.

Starting with the battleship *Iowa* in Tokio, and ending with recent bouts held in the Northwest part of the country, the seagoing scrappers have really been hitting the ball for their alma maters. With the complete change of personnel, many of whom are hitting the moneyed roads in civilian life, the athletic programs of the fleets have been hampered.

Under the shadow of Fujiyama, the *Iowa's* squad, making one of its first appearances in Japan since coming from the States, placed two entries in on the long end of the honors to capture the high hat of their division.

The tournament saw the *Iowa* seamen bring all of their leather tricks into the ring, preparatory to meeting the best in other areas for the championship. The *Iowa*, with Lt. Comdr. P. N. Shamer, U.S.N., in the driver's seat as Athletic Officer, boasts of a stable ready to meet all comers. Gunner's Mate G. J. Guidry, former handler of Tony Canzoneri, has charge of the stable with Ens. Atkins supervising.

It was an elimination affair with the Tokio winners taking on contestants from the Southern Area for the All-Pacific Olympic championship.

Following are the champions and their respective weights, winners in the Tokio bouts:

116-pound class, Jackie Bryant, USS *Iowa;* 126-pound class, Joe Lyons, USS *Shadwell;* 135-pound class, Arthur Olando, Naval Station; 145-pound class, Bob Sandberg, Mag. No. 31; 155-pound class, Pat Buglione, Mag. No. 31; 165-pound class, Lee Sala, USS *Iowa;* 175-pound class, Louie Satterbury, USS *Topeka;* heavyweight, Bob Sorenson, USS *Shadwell.*

Represented on the *Iowa's* team were: J. D. Bryant, J. M. Amido and Lee Sala. Others who throw leather for the "Mighty I" are: D. E. Terrill, R. Biondi, E. W. Reilly, R. E. Rout, J. R. Mason, J. H. Besser, and C. H. Schroeder. Ens. York is instructor and coach.

Indiana's Squad Wins 46 Bouts

Fresh from their triumphs in the war, the boxing squad of the battleship *Indiana,* under the wing of William Henry, have proved that they are always out for blood against their foes. In their last 47 matches they have been returned winners in 46 of the contests.

Sparked by Frank D'Antico, the ironman of the squad, whose Navy record reads 40 wins against but one defeat, the Hoosier ship's scrappers have performed against the best ships in their area. D'Antico, a former pro before donning the blues, ran up an amazing record of 89 wins against two defeats in civilian boxing circles, 22 of which he won over the horizontal route.

In their last smoker held aboard the ship at San Francisco, the *Indiana* squad made a clean sweep against the fast-stepping hustlers from Treasure Island. John Christian, Smoky Stover, Charlie Castro and Frankie D'Antico outslugged their opponents.

In addition to D'Antico, the stable's standard bearers are:

Bill Castro, ship's heavyweight, who packs a punch in either mitten. Bill always manages to put the sleep producer across early in the shindig which naturally makes a big hit with the fans.

John Christian, a newcomer to the *Indiana's* stable, who got his start with a win in the Northwest tournament when he took a hands down decision.

Smoky Stover, lightweight champ of the ship and an old-timer in the ranks of duck and swing. He proved his mettle in the Northwest fisticuffs by staging one of the cleverest affairs of the program. His footwork and punching ability will be a treat to *Indiana* fans in future leather wars.

Northwest Golden Glovers Tangle

Navy boxers from the Northwest area had hard sledding in the Seattle Golden Gloves tournament, with two seagoing scrappers reaching the semi-finals only to lose out to better men in big events.

Ray Morborough, bantamweight from the Sand Point Naval Air Station, staged a gallant battle against rugged Jack Nopp, but came in short when the points were counted. Morborough, a dynamic battler and possessor of a terrific right-hand wallop, proved his gameness against the stronger Nopp, who went on to take the bantam crown.

Ray Mangel, welterweight from the carrier *Bunker Hill,* clawed his way into the semi-finals but met a tartar in Johnny Wells, who kayoed him in the first heat. Wells later captured the welter crown.

Orlan Ott, 1944 AAU champion in the heavyweight ranks, and fresh out of the Navy, where he served as a pilot in the Pacific campaign, annexed the heavyweight crown, having an easy time of it against Tony Stranan, the referee stopping the bout in the second heat.

Sand Pointers Win Bouts

With boxers from Sand Point NAS, Bremerton Naval Station, Camp Jordan and Fort Lewis scrambling for honors on a 14-bout card held at the Sand Point fight emporium, the home towners came through with eight wins over their service rivals. Of the 14 bouts held, four wound up in T.K.O.'s.

Jim Henderson, Sand Point middleweight, won the special award as the best boxer, and Art Dehlinger, his opponent in the 160-pound classic, hailing from Fort Lewis, was awarded the special for sportsmanship.

The results of the program are as follows:

Virgil Curtis, featherweight, Bremerton, won over Roy Morborough, NAS.

Lightweights—Dale Sandberger, Fort Lewis, decisioned Jim Williams, NAS; Carl Miller, NAS, decisioned Porter Miles, Camp Jordan; Oscar Black, NAS, decisioned Floyd Sanderson, NAS; Ed Quinn, NAS, decisioned Jesse Parker, Camp Jordan, in the welterweight match.

Middleweights—Frank Vowislak, NAS, T.K.O. over Frank Landry, Camp Jordan; Everett Newbill, NAS, decisioned Bob Weifinger, Fort Lewis; Eddie Miles, NAS, won by T.K.O. over Benny Romas, NAS; Jim Henderson, NAS, won over Art Dehlinger, Fort Lewis; Jim Louis, Camp Jordan, took a T.K.O. over Lew Blanchard, Bremerton; and Marion Clark, Bremerton, decisioned Bill Steed, NAS.

Rudy Belokovy, light-heavyweight, NAS, took the decision over Littleton Wyatt, Camp Jordan.

Heavyweights—Nathaniel Worth, Camp Jordan, proved himself against Val Bee of NAS, putting the bee on Bee via the T.K.O. route; Dale Staton, Fort Lewis, won the decision over Roy Langley, NAS.

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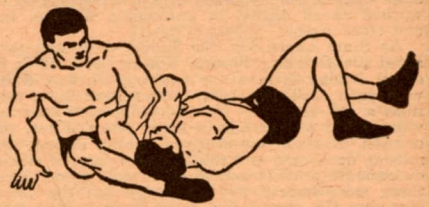

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WISCONSIN BOXING GOSSIP

By PINKY MITCHELL
Former Junior Welterweight Champion

THE three ten-rounders staged by the Milwaukee Elks Lodge as a benefit for disabled war veterans was topped for action by Cecil Hudson, 154, of Los Angeles and Cleveland's Chuck Hunter, 152½ lbs. The fight was a riot for action with Hunter carrying the early rounds via potent left hooks to jaw and body. The tireless Hudson's aggressiveness was too much for the Cleveland lad in the closing rounds and Hudson was given the decision.

That master craftsman and former featherweight champion Chalky Wright, 136, New York, carried too many guns for Georgie Hansford, 138, San Francisco. Dr. Wm. Murphy would not let Hansford come out for the 4th round due to a badly cut eye. Maxie Shapiro, 132¼, New York, lacking the fire of previous bouts here, lost a ten-round decision to Alvin Jordan, 138, Milwaukee.

In the preliminaries Sammy Cicerello, 132, Milwaukee, T.K.O.'ed Dick Miller, 130, Peoria, in two and Stan Reitzner, 147½, Appleton, defeated Al Jackson, 148½, Chicago, 4.

Gross gate: $19,000. Matchmaker: Ward Braby. Referees: Dauber Jaeger & Earl Olson. Judges: Owen Murphy and Les De Camara. Timekeeper: John Eisenmann. Frank Fawcett and Joe Aliota, topping the Elks' Committee, did a good job, turning over $10,000 to the Disabled War Veterans' fund. Members of various state lodges contributed to the purses.

Judge A. J. Hedding, father of boxing in Wisconsin, at three score and three years, still takes his sports seriously. Boxing is his baby. He sits on the bench in civil court and many an athletic yarn is spun in his chambers. He was a baseball catcher of no mean ability in his younger days and later had been active in organizing our various state leagues. As champion of outdoor sports he has worked as an official in swimming, skating, field and track events.

As State Legislator, the Judge wrote and sponsored the Hedding Boxing Bill in 1913. It is the oldest boxing law in the country. It was drawn with such skill that other states have since used it as a pattern. Only four amendments of account were added to the bill in later years. First, permission to stage out-of-doors bouts; second, permitting decisions; and third, the privilege of staging championship bouts over the 15-round route. These three were backed by the Judge but the fourth changing the commission from three to five members he opposed as being too cumbersome in operation.

When the bill was up for passage in the State Senate after passing the assembly, the Judge received a call from his wife who was about to give birth to their first baby. The Judge hastened to the depot to take a train for home. Before he could board the train, however, the late Tom Andrews rushed in. "Bert, you have to stay and fight it through or we will lose by two votes," said Tom. The Judge called his wife and explained. "You have your heart set on the boxing bill so stay and see it through, I'll be all right," his wife told him. The Judge stayed, got the necessary votes and the bill passed. When he arrived at the hotel after leaving the Senate there was a telephone call—"It's a boy." The boy, Jimmy, born simultaneously with the boxing bill, is an attorney and recently returned from overseas duty in the Pacific with the Army.

We still hear pleasing comment on the good fights in the semi and finals of the last Golden Gloves Tournament. An orchid to Coach Fred Saddy for that. In previous tournaments we have seen clever boxers slugging from the first gong with rougher opponents on the advice from their corner—"go out and throw punches." Saddy stopped that with the admonition—"feel out your man first and don't throw punches until you know where they are going to land." That admonition has been the making of better fights.

Oshkosh boxing fans jammed the South Park Gym to pay just short of $3700 to see that city's first professional boxing show in 14 years. The show was loaded with punchers, and every bout on the card ended in a knockout.

In the windup Charley Parham, 149½, Milwaukee, knocked out Dave Reilly, 143, St. Louis, in the fifth round of a hectic brawl. Out for the kill with the first gong Parham nailed Reilly with a terrific left hook to the short ribs that drove him across the ring. Following up the punch with a right and left to the jaw, Reilly went down for the count. Reilly was floored again in the round, but came back fighting. Reilly weathered the second with a sharp left jab and right cross and went out in front in the third round. Parham switched his attack to the body in the fourth and the pace proved too hot for Reilly, who was knocked out with a right to the body and left to the head in 2:15 of round five.

In the prelims Milt Varsas, 148¼, Milwaukee, T.K.O.'ed Al Jackson, 150, Chicago, in the second round; Charley Pope, 141¼, Milwaukee, K.O.'ed Joey Richards, 150, Chicago, in the first round; Stan Reitzner, 151, Appleton, K.O.'ed Billy Lockett, 148, Chicago, in the third round, and Mickey Wilson, 139½, K.O.'ed Boots Barnes, 135, Oshkosh, in the second round. Barnes was handicapped by a badly cut eye early in the first round.

The promoters did a splendid job with the show.

Tiny Habel of Oshkosh was one of the best heavyweight prospects I ever saw in the early 20's. He stood 6 feet 3 inches and weighed 215 pounds. After a half dozen knockouts up state among the lumberjacks, Dauber Jaeger, now a referee, but a great crowd pleaser in the days of Ad Wolgast, sent him to Richie Mitchell to teach him the finer points of the game. Richie worked him under cover for the better part of a year and Habel learned rapidly. Unfortunately he was a good first baseman, too, and went home for a baseball game one Sunday. Sliding into third base he received a fractured vertebrae in his neck—that ended his chances with the padded mitts.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., NOTES

By SAM PORCELLI

PAT SCANLON, 138½, New York, had little trouble in stopping Tommy Mills, 143½, of Valley Stream, L. I., in the eighth. It was a good fight and the 3000 fans, who paid $6000 at the gate, enjoyed it immensely. Scanlon and Eddie Smith will sell out the house, as Smith is doing well in out-of-town rings.

In preliminaries, Juan Manuel K.O.'ed Mike Gravino of Niagara Falls in four rounds; Henry Smith, Rochester, defeated Jimmy Scouten of Binghamton in six rounds; Bobby Dare, Buffalo, won over Billy Papoutsi, Reading, in six rounds; Joe Pierce, Buffalo, defeated Glenn Massey, Erie, six rounds, and Jimmy Young won over Nate Williams in four rounds.

Irish Johnny Rowe of East Rochester, a good amateur prospect from the Elks weekly shows, has turned pro. Rowe spent three years in the Navy, having about 36 amateur fights, and winning 34, 32 by K.O.'s.

Jolting Joe Matisi of Endicott, N. Y., is doing great work in and around New York State. Matisi is white and weighs 195 pounds. To date Matisi has won five in a row, all by K.O.'s.

Following are the better fights on recent Elks cards: Johnny Rowe over Bill Fear in five; Eddie Elton over Claude Flager in five; Frank Zimmer K.O.'ed Joe McCarthy in two rounds; Bill Foley K.O.'ed Hank Bettz in four rounds; Charley Banks over Vic Kouhik in five rounds; Tony DiPolino over Ronnie Martin in three rounds; Sammy Snapper over Tony Marrano in three rounds; Earl Sabotin over Tommy Johnson in five rounds; Johnny Rowe over Gene Zoba in five rounds; Cal Lowman over Jim Sanders in five rounds; Arthur K.O.'ed Jimmy Clay in four rounds; Moe Harvey over Charley Banks in five rounds; Lee Bachlor over Willie Giano in three rounds; Billy Foley over Bobby Thomas in three rounds.

AROUND THE GYM—Nello Nucelli is back training after a short layoff. Nucelli was nursing a knee he injured in his last fight in Cleveland . . . . Johnny Virgo, Rochester lightweight, will take a short rest from the ring . . . . Billy Foley is looking better with every fight, meeting the best amateurs in his class . . . . Ross Virgo is the hottest amateur boy in western New York . . . . Up to date, Virgo has won 15 in a row, eight by K.O.'s . . . . Binghamton is running pro shows and turning fans away every week . . . . The weekly amateur fights are sellouts every week at the Elks Club and Johnny Burba, the matchmaker, would like to hear from amateur fighters or teams.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

By JIM ECHOLS

IN a ten-round main event before a full house at Turner's Arena, Colion Chaney of Indianapolis decisioned Al Hoosman. Chaney looked good in defeating the highly regarded Hoosman.

It was a dull fight with a great deal of clinching, but there was no doubt that Chaney was the winner. Hoosman enjoyed a twelve-pound pull in the weights, scaling 196 to Chaney's 184.

In a scheduled sixer preceding the main-go, Flattop Cummings, 145, Washington, stopped Arthur Bethea, 150½, Washington, in the fifth round, when Cummings accidentally butted Bethea and opened a cut over his eye.

The prelims were all good and in a brace of sixes Herbie Jones, 129, Washington, K.O.'ed George Wright, 122, New York City, in 2:28 of the first, while Jackie Cranford, 181½, Washington, knocked out Jimmy Cox, 178, Philadelphia, also in the first. The time, 1:23.

Two fours completed the card with B. Z. Washington, 150, Washington, kayoing Alec Price, 142, Washington, in the fast time of 55 seconds of the first. In the opener Billy Danker, 150, Washington, won via the kayo route, scoring over Keith Goolsby, 147, Washington, in 2:08 of the second.

Goldie Ahearn presented Willie Joyce of Gary, Ind., against the veteran Jackie Wilson, from Pittsburgh, in a ten-round main event at Uline's Arena. Referee Marty Gallagher stepped in after 2:24 of the fifth stanza had elapsed and awarded the fight to Joyce.

At the start it was evident that it would just be a question of time ere Wilson would bow out. Joyce showed all of the class he used in beating Allie Stolz recently at the Garden. Joyce weighed in at 137½ to Wilson's 134½.

In a scheduled six-round semi-final, Jackie Wilkerson, 190, Aberdeen, K.O.'ed the highly touted Eddie White, 196, Oklahoma City, in 2:33 of the third. For a youngster with only four pro fights, Wilkerson looks like a comer.

In a pair of sixes, Harry Preston, 142, New York City, decisioned Baby Armstrong, 138, Philadelphia, while Booker T. Hodges, 136, Philadelphia, kayoed Paddy O'Leary, 139, Denver, in 2:21 of the fifth.

In the opening four, Buddy Espina, 156½, Washington, won via the K.O. route over Will Castle, 161, Laurel, Md., in 2:44 of the second.

Bee Bee Washington and Jimmie Mandell hooked up in a rubber encounter at Turner's and this one was won by the ever reliable "Double B." Bee Bee kept flicking a left to Mandell's face and exploding an occasional right, but Jimmie was still the master at infighting, scoring frequently to the body.

Ken Stribling, 167, Washington, defeated George Slater, 168, Philadelphia, in an eight-round semi-final.

For real action that delighted the true fistic bug, the opening four between Buddy Espina, 152, Washington, and Billy Danker, 149, also of Washington, was a great fight. Both boys fought from the opening bell to the closing gong, giving and taking in real Pier 6 fashion.

In a five, Joe Davis, 145, Baltimore, upset Artie Brown, 144, Washington, in a rousing battle. Two fours completed the card with B-29 Banks, 136, Washington, decisioning Eddie Lyles, 138, Alexandria, while B. Z. Washington, 155, Washington, kayoed Ben Davis, 153, Baltimore, in 1:24 of the first.

UTAH-IDAHO-MONTANA-WYOMING

By CARL E. HAYDEN

PROFESSIONAL BOXING, a war casualty, is being revived in Montana, where American Legion posts control promotional licenses and where mixed wrestling and boxing cards are prohibited.

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RING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By TED YAMACHIKA

THE Baptiste-Salazar card was held at the Civic Auditorium Feb. 13. The Hauseman-Strohlin card, Feb. 23.

David Kui Kong Young headlined the March 3rd card at the Civic Auditorium against veteran Adolph Samuels. Judging from the gross receipts of $8,685.75 which this card drew, Young is still a great drawing power here.

The eight-round fight turned out to be a one-sided affair with Young winning four rounds and only one round being credited to the aging Samuels. The other rounds were declared even. The only exciting round was the second when Young exploded his famous left and floored Samuels for a nine count.

Best fight of the whole card was the Chet Vinci-Otis Jackson semi-windup bout: Chet Vinci, recently discharged from the Marines, piled up enough points to win a close decision. Vinci weighed 147¾, against Jackson's 143½, for this four-round fight.

Other results: Eddie Reyes, 119½, outpunched Ankie Hoshijo, 122⅜, in four rounds. Eddie Mara, 145¾, T.K.O.'ed Sabas Jamito, 147, in the third of a scheduled four-round bout. Herbert Perreira, 141, was decisioned by Jimmy Sweat, 146, four rounds. Cliff Fukuhara, 125, making his debut as a professional, knocked out Fidel Acosta, 125¾, in the third of a four-heater.

There was another capacity house at the Auditorium when Dado Marino took on Al Chavez, California flyweight champ, in a six-heat main event on March 9, of an attractive five-bout smoker. The take at the gate was $7,927.25.

Dado Marino, 113¾, who holds three previous decisions over the California champ, lost a heart-breaker to Chavez, 115, who appeared very sharp for this fight. The decision was close with Chavez winning on the strength of a knockdown scored in the fourth round. Marino was ahead on points, when Chavez exploded a left flush on Dado's jaw. Dado went down on his back and came up still quite dazed after an eight count. Chavez rushed in for the kill but was unable to land the finishing blow.

Marino came back surprisingly strong in the fifth to carry the round, but the sixth was awarded to the Mexican scrapper who outpunched Dado two to one in a full three-minute slugfest. One judge and the referee gave the fight to Chavez, while the other ruled the fight a draw.

Other results: Otis Jackson, 145, punched out a close one over Joe Medrano, 148, in four rounds. The unpredictable Eddie Mara, 145, was T.K.O.'ed by Richard Asato, 141⅝, in the third of a four-heater. Ken Monar, 135⅜, and fast-rising Bill Caesar, 130, fought to a five-round draw. Cliff Fukuhara, 126, decisioned old-timer Jimmy Joseph, 129⅞, in four rounds.

The long-awaited and much publicized David Young-Yasu Yasutake eight-round joust was finally held outdoors at the Honolulu Stadium on St. Patrick's Day before a gathering of 8,358 fans who paid $19,543.25. What looked on paper as the greatest professional boxing card presented in the Hawaiian Islands, turned out rather ordinary, if not disappointing.

Inclement weather and a boost in price to $5 tops, kept quite a number of fans away and the anticipated record gate failed to materialize. The record take for an outdoor card stands at $30,155.

Both Yasutake and Young held too much respect for each other and for at least five out of the eight heats, they sparred around the wet ring with neither doing any serious damage. Young fought only in spurts and turned in a sorry exhibition.

In the seventh and eighth rounds the former bantamweight world's contender tried to carry the fight to his heavier foe but the ever watchful Yasu fought back and outpunched Young in both heats. By winning the last two heats, Yasutake won the fight by a comfortable margin but the judges thought otherwise and ruled the fight a draw. The referee and one judge called a draw verdict, the other judge gave Yasutake the edge.

David Young weighed 124½ against Yasu Yasutake's 130⅜. Other results: Willard Hauseman, 145⅞, outpointed aging Llewellyn Strohlin, 146¾, in six rounds in the semi-final. This was a return affair.

Chet Vinci, 147, repeated over Otis Jackson, 141⅞, in six heats.

The most exciting fight of the evening was turned in by the up-and-coming Marciel Baptiste, 129¾, who took only two rounds to chill Al Ganigan, 126¼. Baptiste, who is still undefeated as a professional, has been improving right along and bears watching.

In the opener Cliff Fukuhara, 123¾, won a close decision over Wellcome Javelana, 127⅞, in four rounds for his third straight win.

Professional wrestling still remains the top attraction for Honolulu fans who keep on filling up the civic auditorium at each weekly show.

The Scarlet Pimpernel, who is still unmasked and who is still hollering for a title match against Jimmy Gonsalves, recently lost a decision to the Samoan strongman, Vilai S'ua, but retained his hood as he was not pinned. This is the first time that the masked one has lost a bout in local rings.

Recent arrival here is Billy Venable, the former Texas junior light-heavyweight champion. Held to a draw by Charley Carr in his debut, Billy redeemed himself in his second appearance by taking the measure of Joe Mitchell, the Chicago butcher, in a rough battle which left the fans clamoring for a return bout.

One of the most popular, unpopular grapplers here in town is Joe "Suffering" Mitchell. "Suffering" because he's the best face-maker since the days of George Zaharias. Joe, who loses as many times as he wins (quite often by disqualification) wants the title of being the roughest on the Rock, and there's no doubt but he's right up there with roughhousers Bucky O'Neill, Buck Lee and Sammy Cohen when it comes to gouging eyes, kicking, punching, etc. Joe is never particular about his opponents and he really puts on everytime he shows.

Kaimon Kudo, who recently underwent an arm operation is O.K. again. He acted as third man in the ring in a recent show and is expected to return to mat wars soon.

Wrestling promoter Al Karasick recently signed up Lee Grable, national junior light-heavyweight champ, for several Island appearances. The popular grappler is due to arrive in Honolulu by the end of this month.

The Hawaii Boxing Managers' Association show, a benefit affair to create a medical fund for needy fighters, was held outdoors at the Honolulu Stadium on March 31. The attractive card, which featured some of the best fighters in the Islands, including headliners Yasu Yasutake, Marciel Baptiste, Willard Hauseman, Richard Silva, Eddie Salazar and others, drew a crowd of some 6000 customers who paid $13,212.25.

In the main event, the up-and-coming Marciel Baptiste, at 127½ pounds, took an easy decision over veteran Adolph Samuels, 124⅞, in a rather tame match. Portsider Baptiste had no trouble tagging Samuels, pounding him at will throughout the eight rounds.

Yasu Yasutake, 132¾, who recently fought David Young to a draw, had no trouble winning over Eddie Salazar, 134⅛, in the six-round semi-windup. Yasu started out as though he were going to finish Salazar in the very first round, but missed the boat by waiting too long to land the haymaker. Thereafter, Salazar kept his distance and out of trouble. Yasu won five of the six heats.

In another six-rounder, Willard Hauseman, 145⅛, formerly of the Navy, decisioned Benny Mactagone, 142¼. The aggressive ex-gob, who is yet to be topped in a local fight, floored Mactagone for a nine-count in the second and won handily.

Other results: Johnny Perry, 126¾, drew with Henry Davis, 127¾, in six. This fight turned out to be the best of the evening. Both boys went at a fast clip. Chet Vinci, 147¼, outfought Joe Medrano, 149¾, six rounds. Richard Silva, 139⅛, territorial lightweight champion, in his first fight since discharge from the Navy, won a close one from Herbert Perreira, 137, four rounds.

Roy Nakamine, 117, lost to Tiger Rosa, 116⅛, four rounds.

BOXING IN FRANCE
By T/SGT. BUDDY GOMER

PARIS—At the Palais de Glace, Kid Marcel, veteran playboy, and Negro Omar le Noir drew in ten. Omar Kouidri, tough Algerian welter, beat Degouve in twelve. Renucci kayoed Paul Dogniaux in eight.

Paris—At the Palais de Glace, Kid Marcel knocked out Degouve in the eighth of a scheduled ten. Walter Momber and Menozzi were disqualified in two rounds for not trying. They are lightweights.

Bruxelles—Emile Di Cristo, France, stopped Kid Dussart, Belgium, in seven of a ten. Jos. Prevs, Belgian featherweight, upset the classy young Ray Famechon, Paris, in ten.

Paris—Palais de Glace: Robert Charron, popular Parisian middleweight, kayoed Lemment, Belgium, in round two. Paul Dogniaux, Paris bantam, came back to beat Fontex in four. Fontex retired following the contest.

Paris—At the Palais de Glace, Theo Medina, bantam, and featherweight champion of France, who whipped England's Jackie Paterson, beat Gus Foran of England in ten. Francisco Peiro, welter champ of Spain, beat Lucian Cabochi in ten. Ben-Natar, North African feather, decisioned Georges Mousse, ten.

Paris—At the Palais de Sports, Laurent Dauthille, hard-hitting middleweight, whipped the more experienced, classy Robert Charron in ten. Too much wine and women has caught up with Charron, the handsome Pigalli lad. In the semi-windup, lightweight Omar le Noir, Paris Negro welter, beat Renucci in ten.

Paris—At the Palais de Glace, Francisco Peiro handed out a boxing lesson over ten rounds in trouncing Le Mentec, young Frenchman.

Harry Fleming, Baltimore lightie, and Herbert Tootle of Georgia are now sergeants. They were formerly active champions at Camp Crowder, Mo. . . . Sgt. Ed Brion, Nebraska, amateur heavy, has left for home and a discharge.

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DUTCH WEST INDIES RING NEWS

By JIMMY LAMBERT

PROFESSIONAL fighting is having a big boom on the Caribbean Island of Aruba in the Dutch West Indies. Promoter Lt. E. E. de Jongh of the Dutch military forces, presents twice monthly shows that have featured some top names around the Caribbean circuit and the fans are showing their agreement by packing the San Nicolas Stadium. Some of the top names seen in the San Nicolas ring since professional boxing made its debut several months ago, after a lapse of approximately eight years, are Kid Charol of Venezuela, Kid Dynamite of Santo Domingo, Rene Sanchez of Cuba, Gorilla Moranje of Cuba, Luis Sulbaran of Venezuela, Kid Dunlop of Colombia and a host of others.

The two outstanding performers by far seen in the Aruba ring have been Kid Charol, heavyweight champion of Venezuela, and Kid Dynamite, welterweight from Santo Domingo. Charol twice decisioned Gorilla Moranje of Cuba in bouts which had the fans standing up in their seats from start to finish.

Kid Dynamite, brilliant 18-year-old sensation from Santo Domingo, is undefeated in his several bouts here in Aruba. He defeated Kid Avendano, Oswaldo Diaz, Kid Fernando, Luis Sulbaran, Kid Panchito among several others. In fact, with the exception of one defeat at the hands of Zurdo de la Tarazano in Santo Domingo for the welterweight championship, Kid Dynamite is undefeated in his ring career.

Recently Kid Dynamite travelled to Trinidad and upset the highly-touted Kid German, welterweight champion of the British West Indies in his first start in Trinidad. On March 14 he made sure of a questionable decision in their first meeting by knocking out Kid Avendano of Venezuela in the fifth round of a 10-round scheduled bout in Trinidad.

Another performer who made a big hit with the fans in his first appearance in Aruba was Dutchie Krassens, heavyweight champion of Dutch Guiana. Krassens badly battered Gorilla Moranje for 12 rounds, winning a popular decision.

Results of the March 23 boxing card promoted by Lt. E. E. de Jongh at the San Nicolas Stadium, Aruba, were as follows:

Kid Ras, 140, Aruba, decisioned Kid Victoria, 139, Aruba, in a four-round bout.

Kid Peters, 139, Aruba, knocked out Kid Mingo, 139, Aruba, in the fourth round of a scheduled four-round bout.

El Tigre, 125, Aruba, won a close six-round decision over favorite Kid Patrana, 127, of Puerto Rico.

In the semi-final, Kid Machalito, 139, Colombia, easily won by T.K.O. decision over Kid Cafe, 142, of Santo Domingo, in the last round of a scheduled ten-round fight.

The main event of the evening brought together for the second time in six months, Juancito Holman, 185, of Aruba, and Gorilla Moranje, 185, of Cuba. Winning seven of the first eight rounds, Holman had the situation well in hand and was coasting to victory when the Gorilla caught him with a terrific right uppercut and floored Holman in the ninth round. Although Holman managed to get up before the full count of ten, he toppled over again as the Gorilla rushed in for the kill. Referee Smit decided Holman was in no condition to continue and awarded a T.K.O. decision to the Gorilla. This was the second K.O. Holman has received at the hands of Gorilla Moranje, the first fight lasting a little over two minutes of the first round.

IN DENVER, COLORADO

By MILE HIGH

THE boxing revival in Denver is on. George Zaharias, wrestling impresario, has entered the boxing competition in this city. He will stage weekly bouts at the Gardens Arena. Both professional and amateur performances are scheduled. Zaharias will try to develop local talent. If he conducts boxing shows like he has wrestling, Denver is in for some stellar attractions.

The fact that Zaharias is going into the boxing game does not mean he will abandon wrestling. He has a lease on the Gardens for a year on Monday nights. He says he will continue to show the grunt and groaners. His business address is 534 17th Street, Arena Cigar Store. Cherry 1956.

Matchmaker for the Zaharias shows will be Tommy Golden. He has been in charge of the matchmaking for the Elks shows for many years and is recognized as one of the best in the country.

Denver was treated to its first professional show in nine months on March 27. The main event was between Ruben Shank of Denver and Bennie Droll of Peoria, Ill., middleweights. The bouts were the original presentation of the Colorado Athletic Club, newly organized and headed by Kollie S. Barnett, Denver business man and devotee of sports.

Shank was the master throughout. He won seven out of ten rounds. Droll waged a defensive battle and while Shank had all the better of the going, Droll was an elusive target and kept the Denver fighter tied up.

The new club plans monthly shows at the City Auditorium. The first attempt brought in a gate of over $9200. The matchmaking was in charge of A. Thomas (Pinky) Flood, who, like Golden, is experienced in this line.

Jay C. Thomas, better known as the "Champ," took out a license a month ago and has been staging weekly amateur boxing shows at the Rollerdrome in North Denver. The bouts have been evenly matched and the attendance very good. Thomas has been favored by the newspapers with plenty of publicity.

A sample of the interest in amateur boxing in Denver was the gate receipts of the six-night tournament of the Elks. The gross gate was $22,500.

There is talk that the Amateur Athletic Union in this city will take out a license and stage high class amateur shows in the near future. If such is the case, Denver will have five licensed clubs or organizations. It will make 17 for the entire state.

Charles A. McFadden is the new chairman of the Colorado State Boxing Commission. He succeeded Gus Hartung under a rotation agreement of the commissioners. Eddie Bohn, chairman for several years, will take over the honors at the end of McFadden's term.

FANFARE from MISSOURI

By ROBERT B. DANA

IT'S been almost four years since this aging dogface left THE RING family to become a member of a larger (!) organization. During that interim many fans and fighters were good enough to write to me and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them one and all.

Looking over the figures for 1945 in this region is a disappointing chore. I find that the whole state of Missouri did a gross take of $83,000 for last year's boxing. Isn't that something! Not only is that less than poor little Rhode Island, it is about one-third that of the District of Columbia. Over the same period Bill Longson, whom the *Post-Dispatch* calls the wrestling champion of the Maryland Hotel, broke all records for a single athlete's "take" indoors. That was the picture for 1945.

But this IS a Missouri era, gentlemen. We not only have a Truman in the White House, but there are some tried and true ones in Missouri boxing. Look at what our boys did recently in New York's Garden. Out of the eight National Golden Gloves champions, three of them were St. Louis boys. Plus that we had the alternate heavyweight winner, Mike Buha, and a welterweight finalist, Jules Menendez, whom we hear wasn't exactly beaten to death, either. And Henry Armstrong's great little 15-year-old campaigner, Keith Nuthall, was fighting for Kansas City. To the above, add the names and three cheers for Eddie Dames, Jackie Dicker and the nation's outstanding amateur of 1946, Bob Foxworth. Champions all.

Things are looking up professionally, too. The last two boxing shows held in the Arena and Auditorium, respectively, though they were but five days apart, grossed over $30,000. That's more like it. In other words, 30 G's in five days as opposed to 83 of the same for 365.

Phil Terranova has caught on here like wildfire. He began local operations by kayoing Charley Riley in six and returned to outpoint Jimmy Joyce in ten. Packhorse Hans Bernstein and his jockey, Jack Callahan, are sponsoring Terranova here.

In the other promotional corner we have Lou Wallach. Lou runs Monday night shows at the Palace Garden and when conditions permit he takes a flyer (not Lou Flyer) in the Arena or Auditorium. Wallach brought the incomparable Ray Robinson here last month against the quite comparable Cliff Beckett. The Sugar disposed of the Canadian entry in five. Lou has had Eagle trouble, however. There was his erstwhile partner, Harry Eagles. That didn't work out. Then there was a benevolent order of the same name. Lou is about bald as a result. Bald Eagle. That's a *plaisanterie*, son.

Since Charley Riley got tagged by Terranova the Terrible, Art Cooper has stepped into the Number One spot locally. Art has notched seven straight since his Navy discharge, but finds himself matched with Sal Bartolo for his pains. In the meantime Riley has turned down a Cooper match, but this may be made in the future.

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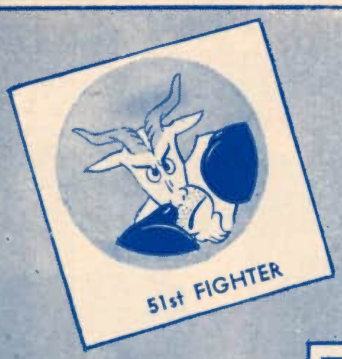

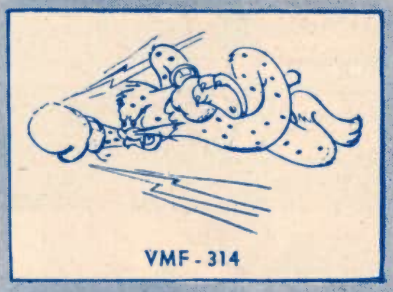

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